

# Two shot as Alao-Akala opens road

IT was billed to be a simple ceremony: cutting of a tape, applause and smiles. But the opening of the rehabilitated Bodija-Iso-Pako, Ibadan Road by Governor Adebayo Alao-Akala was more than that; it ended in a fiasco in which two persons were shot.

The ceremony was part of the activities marking his 100 days in office.

As Alao-Akala was about to leave the area after the commissioning, some youths carried a big banner emblazoned with the photograph of controversial politician Alhaji Lamidi Adedibu and approached the vehicle in which he rode, asking for money.

Apparently dissatisfied that the Governor wanted to leave without giving

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them money, the hoodlums started throwing stones at his convoy. In the melee, the governor's security personnel shots into the air to clear the way. Two people were hit.

According to the Special Adviser to the governor on Public Communication, Prince Dotun Oyelade, the convoy was not attacked. "It was the car of the AIT with reporters in it that was attacked. Its windshield was broken. In fact, the governor's convoy had left the scene by then. The hoodlums only wanted to collect money from the occupants of the AIT car when the attack happened", he had told *The Nation* on

phone.

Some journalists in the Press Crew of the governor, said "no fewer than six vehicles in the convoy, including the press crew bus and a Toyota Corolla car with registration number ABUJA XC 623 ABJ conveying the AIT crew were attacked."

The hoodlums hauled stones and other dangerous objects at the vehicles and wounded some of the people in the entourage of the Governor, including the *Daily Independent* reporter, who was hit on the left shoulder with a stone. The windshield of the Toyota car carrying the AIT crew was shattered.

Some unconfirmed reports said some of the hoodlums were injured.

Speaking earlier at the commissioning, Alao-Akala had said that he had proved his political enemies, who thought he would not be able to deliver dividends of democracy wrong.

Said the governor: "They wanted to destabilize my government, but I have surprised them. They did not know that this government was ordained by God Himself. They are using the state's workers to fight me. I am not fighting the workers; they are the ones fighting me. I have never heard of it anywhere where a servant fights with his master. Don't let them deceive you. I am not saying I will not pay their salaries.

"What we are saying is that what they are demand-



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ing for is too much. Civil servants are not as many as non-civil servants. If we use all the state's money to pay only their salaries, how would dividends of democracy get to others in the state? The strike has not affected our administration as we have continued to run the government. I just want to tell the workers that their salaries are ready. *Ramadan* fast is coming, they should come and collect their money."

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