

# AC chair killed in Ibadan

• As Alaafin, others condemn PDP chair's murder

**W**ITH the cry over the suspected assassination of the chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Atiba Local Government Area of Oyo State, Alhaji Azeez Adegbite, yet to subside, another political killing has occurred in Oyo State.

On Friday, suspected assassins killed the chairman of the Action Congress (AC) in Ibadan North East Local Government Area, Mr Taiwo Falade.

The death is coming as the Alaafin of Oyo, Oba Lamidi Adeyemi II, and the legislator representing Oyo Federal Constituency at the House of Representatives, Hon. Kamil Akinlabi, yesterday joined the list of those condemning the killing of Adegbite and calling on law enforcement agents to fish out the killers.

Adegbite was shot dead by unknown gunmen on his bed

From Bisi Oladele, Ibadan

around midnight last Wednesday.

Falade was murdered by a four-man gang in his Odo Oba house in Ibadan.

Addressing party leaders who paid him a condolence visit over Adegbite's death, Oba Adeyemi cautioned politicians against settling scores through blood-letting.

He said: "The development is highly condemnable. It is a sad thing that in Nigeria, politicians settle scores with each other through blood-letting. This is alien to our culture. People should eschew violence in its entirety for our nascent democracy to survive."

He urged the Police to double their efforts in protecting the citizenry to earn the confidence of the masses.

Police Public Relations

Officer (PPRO) in the state, Miss Olabisi Okuwobi, who told *The Nation* last night that investigations were progressing in both cases.

An army officer was also killed on Friday in Mokola area of Ibadan. Okuwobi said he was a victim of armed robbery.

Describing the killing as a "wicked act," Akinlabi, in a statement, described the late Adegbite, as a gentleman and a refined politician who could not hurt a fly.

He said: "Be it in politics or private life, Adegbite was not known to be a violent person and I could not fathom a reason why anybody could have just terminated his life in such a cruel manner."

The legislator, who said he was on an official trip to India when the incident occurred, said killing fellow human beings for whatever reason is strange to Oyo, as, according to him, Oyo people are not desperate for positions or anything for that matter.

As one of the political leaders in the area, Akinlabi recalled his relationship with the deceased, describing him as a man of honour and integrity.

He expressed confidence in the ability of the police to track down the perpetrators of the act to prevent a recurrence.

Governor Adebayo Alao-Akala condemned the killing, urging the police to bring the killers to book.

## Cattle dealers, food vendors begin one-week warning strike

**B**ARRING any last minute change, cattle dealers and vendors of raw food across the country will commence a one-week warning strike today.

The dealers said at a news conference in Lagos on Saturday that they had concluded plans to go on the strike as a way of expressing displeasure over multiple taxation by state governments and alleged exploitation by government officials.

By Olayinka Oyeboode

Addressing a crowd of traders and reporters in Lagos, Alhaji Mohammed Basi said: "The association of cattle dealers and those who deal in other perishable food items have decided to go on a one-week strike as a way protesting against alleged ill treatment and high handedness of government officials in Lagos, Ogun and Oyo states."