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Timi Alaibe

DISTURBED by the death of **six** persons believed to be a fall out between two Cult groups, a former Ijaw Youth Council (IYC) leader, Mr. Maxwell Oko, has condemned the incident that led to the death of **six** people.

His reaction followed the

emergence of more facts on what led to the bloody day at Opokuma, the country home of the former Managing Director of the NDDC, Mr. Timi Alaibe.

Alaibe is contesting for the governorship seat in **Bayelsa** on the platform of the Labour Party (LP).

In a chat with journalists in Yenagoa, Oko who described the incident as an embarrassment to the state and Federal Government accused desperate politicians who have almost turned their rallies into theaters of war to have caused the incident .

The former IYC leader who is now the Commissioner of energy advised them not see politics as a do or die affair, and cautioned youths in the state not to allow themselves to be used.

He urged the security agents in the state to fish out those behind the heinous action and bring them to book.

“I condemn it totally. This is an act of recklessness that was caused by some unknown politicians who are desperate. This is not something Government will seat down and look at. The security agencies should ensure that every person involved is brought to book because we have lost lives of young aspiring youths”, the former IYC Central Zone leaders lamented.

Sources disclosed that the gruesome incident at Opokuma Community started in Port Harcourt when Alaibe allegedly invited two suspected cult groups, the Ice Landers and the Green Landers to grace his reception both at the Airport and in Opokuma Community.It was learnt that trouble started at the Port Harcourt airport when T-Shirts and money being shared.

The Port Harcourt incident spread to Opokuma when the aggrieved group whose colleague died in Port Hacourt moved to Opokuma for reprisal attack. When the aggrieved group arrived Opokuma Community they could not spare anything person at sight as they used axes and cutlasses on people.

The State government in a statement expressed dismay over the **violence** that was unleashed on the people of the state by the activities of Mr Ndutimi Alaibe of the Labour Party.

The government said reports indicate that Mr Alaibe left Port Harcourt airport yesterday afternoon Enroute Yenagoa amidst shootings and violent clashes between rival cult groups that reportedly left one person dead.

“Same groups later moved to Opokuma, Mr Alaibe's country home where unprecedented **Violence** was unleashed on the community and visitors including pressmen,most of whom had to run for their lives. Unfortunately, six people were reportedly killed and scores injured in

spite of the arrival of police and other security personnel on the scene.

“The State Govt view the activities of Mr Alaibe as totally unacceptable and unbecoming of someone of his standing. “We had thought that with his departure from the PDP, such violent incidents will be reduced to the barest minimum as has been the case since the PDP primaries started until he came again, with the guise of a rally to disrupt the peace of the State.

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Osas on 09/01/2011 03:05:09



This man Alibe may have been the brain behind all the bombing incident going on in the country. He seems to know alot of cultists and arm militias



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chudi on 09/01/2011 03:51:07



this is disgusting if its true....Ice lander and Green Lander to grace the occasssion.....police should look into this..ofcourse i know they will not...



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Kemeosuodo Ogboke on 09/01/2011 06:28:12



Fabrications! Totally false information!! Damaging journalistic work!!! Why does the government of **Bayelsa** State like spreading falsehood to Nigerians and the world in general? Again i ask, did Famous D. and Gen. Buhari invite rival cult groups to their rally in Yenagoa, before their rally was violently disrupted?

Did Chief Beimo-Spiff invite cult groups before their was bomb explosion during his declaration? Why does the **Bayelsa** government and its Commissioners always rejoice in falsehood? Watch out world, my comments these few days will force them to look for me. That is how far this govt goes... Please go away you all and leave the scene for serious minded people to bring development to **Bayelsa** State. If this present govt continues in power, world, i pity my dear **Bayelsa** State.



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Kemeosuodo Ogboke on 09/01/2011 06:58:49



May i ask The Nation website Administrator: why did u remove some word in my first contribution? Maybe you felt i was telling lies. The Governor of **Bayelsa** State called his commissioners a set of "mentally incompetent commissioners" working with him. I am not afraid that is why i attach my full name to any comment i make. Please, like you publish the falsehood spread by the inept govt in **Bayelsa** without editing anything, please leave my comments, warts and all, intact. If you know what we are passing through in **Bayelsa** from the hands of this inhumane govt, you will pity Bayelsans and everyone that lives in **Bayelsa** State.

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kolade on 09/01/2011 09:47:10



greed and lust for power,will imprison those politicians who patronize thugs,cultists and evil minded journalists.arms used in actualization of their

ambition shall be used against them and their families after 2011.i weep for this country.break-up is becoming inevitable.bloooooooood is all i see in 2011 general election.



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sarah daria on 09/01/2011 10:26:34



THE GOVERNOR OF **BAYELSA** STATE KNOWNS THOSE BEHIND THAT ATTACK IN MR ALAIBES HOUSE. IF SYLVA THINKS THAT HE IS POPULAR WHY WORRY ABOUT ALAIBE?. MR SYLVA HAS FAILED NOT ONLY HIMSELF BUT THE ENTIRE STATE. FAILURE PACK UR LOAD AND GO, COME APRIL BAYELSANS WILL CELEBRATE UR LEAVING OUR GOVT HOUSE. LIER THAT CALLS HIMSELF GOVERNOR.



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wilson braye eniye on 09/01/2011 10:37:22



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knows all the cult groups in **bayelsa** state and has been funding them monthly. kindly leave alaibe alone, we know that the attack was planned and carried out by timipre sylva and his group. mr sylva God will judge you for those innocent blood.



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Maxwell Okoh is one of the leaders of timipre sylva's killer squad in **bayelsa** . who made him i.y.c. leader? why not face your failed energy ministry or are you also incharge of information now. sylva administration has no direction.



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chudi on 09/01/2011 13:34:19



@Kemeosuodo Ogboke your comment indicate you are presently living in **Bayelsa** and you really pointed out a fact,a trend rather...**VIOLENCE** at every declaration event of opponent...thats worrisome .And it will be balance reporting on the part of THE NATION if they could be kind enough to let the

people hear from Alaibe`s side too....



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Tari Sam on 10/01/2011 06:36:24



Well, as far as i'm concerned, anybody can do anything just to smear someones name, it's a tool in politics. For me i'm not exonerating anybody, Sylva, Alaibe & all the politicians in the state are responsible for what is happening, so it could be Sylva, it could be Alaibe himself or any other person just to drive home a point, i just pity the innocent people being treated as pons in the quest of our selfish do-or-die politicians to achieve their aims. What bothers me is that, you will never find their children & relations in these gatherings, doesn't that send a signal to their supporters?



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