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THE Oyo State chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC), has condemned the violence that broke out yesterday during the last leg of Governor Abiola Ajimobi's tour of the local government areas, blaming the violence on members of opposition parties, who it claimed infiltrated its ranks. Speaking yesterday, the party's Publicity Secretary, Wale Shadare, said the opposition parties, apparently overwhelmed by the success of the governor's meet-the-people tour and distribution of letters of appointment to teachers, embarked on the violence to embarrass the governor and take the shine off the "successive tour".

"Why was it that this happened on the last day of the tour? Why did they choose the governor's local government to inflict the mayhem?," the party asked.

Stating that the party had eliminated violence from the state in the last three and half years and abhors thuggery and violence, the APC said its party-led government would not leave any stone unturned in bringing the perpetrators to justice.

The violence, which led to the death of a policeman and two other people, in the Oke-Ado area of Ibadan, the Oyo State, also left more than 25 people wounded.

Among the injured was a pregnant woman who was caught in the bloody violence, which caused panic and paralysed social and commercial activities in the area. Speaking last night, the state police command said it has arrested 18 suspects in connection with the mayhem. According to sources, trouble started at about 2.40pm when some thugs, numbering about 50 stormed the area in buses and started shooting indiscriminately into the air. The action, which the police attempted to curtail, led into a shoot-out between the armed thugs and the few policemen on ground. Shortly before the bloody violence, supporters and members of the APC had gathered at the Oke-Ado market to receive Governor Abiola Ajimobi who was expected to visit the Ibadan South West Local Government.

The visit, it was learnt, was part of Ajimobi's tour of the 33 local government areas of the state.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mrs Olabisi Clet-Ilobanafor, described the incident as very unfortunate, adding the all those involved in the violence would not go unpunished. She warned political thugs and their merchants to desist from causing unrest or face the full wrath of the law. According to her, the Oyo state Police Command has drawn a battle line between it and merchants of political thugs and they

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