

One killed, scores injured at Ibadan rally

AN attack on supporters of Accord at Odinjo, Iyana Modina in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, yesterday, left one dead and an unspecified number of persons injured.

Two Accord candidates-Gbenga Adewusi (House of Representatives) and Ademola Ige (House of Assembly)-organised the rally.

Hoodlums attacked their supporters, which led to the death of one of the party supporters.

Accord, in a statement by the Director General of the Rashidi Ladoja Campaign Organisation, Adeolu Adeleke, accused the All Progressives Congress (APC) of sponsoring the hoodlums.

It posited that the party carried out the attack because of the perceived rising profile of Accord in the state.

Though Adeleke claimed that two Accord supporters were killed, police spokesman Kayode Ajisebutu said

•Parties trade blame

From Bisi Oladele, Ibadan
only one person was killed. The police spokesman said three people had been arrested.

Adeleke said: "Worried by the growing popularity and acceptance of Accord in Oyo State, scores of APC thugs swooped on a peaceful rally of our House of Assembly and House of Representatives candidates, Ademola Ige and Gbenga Adewusi at Odinjo-Ode-Ige, Iyana Modina in Ibadan South-East Local Government.

"The thugs carried guns and other weapons when they stormed the rally and opened fired on our supporters and killed two of them on the spot. Fifteen people were injured, more unknown number of our supporters left with varying degrees of injuries.

"A team from SARS arrested three of the thugs with

pump action guns; other members of the gang fled."

But the APC denied the allegation, saying thugs among Adewusi's supporters engaged urchins in a supremacy battle.

The party added that Adewusi had been fingered in a recent unrest when he allegedly led thugs to attack some residents and APC members in Aremo and Ode Aje, to announce his arrival in Accord from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

It pointed out that the APC is a party of intellectuals, stressing that it does not harbour thugs.

The APC's Director of Media and Publicity, Olawale Sadare, said: "Neither our members nor supporters were involved in the fracas, which was recorded at Odinjo yesterday.

"We had it from sources that some thugs in the cam-

paign team of Gbenga Adewusi (aka Arole), who is the Accord Party candidate for Ibadan North East/South East Federal Constituency engaged some street urchins in a supremacy battle and this resulted in a free-for-all.

"We recall that the same Arole was allegedly involved in an unrest at Aremo/Ode Aje shortly after his defection to his new party from the PDP, when he led political thugs to attack some residents and members of our party in what a source close to him said was to create an awareness of his arrival in Accord.

"APC does not harbour political thugs and we do not sponsor violence in whatever guise.

"Therefore, we urge law enforcement agencies to carry out necessary investigation and ensure those found culpable are prosecuted."

and terminate in front of the Assembly Complex, Alausa.

Senator donates lab to school

By Wale Ajetunmobi

THE lawmaker representing Lagos East Senatorial District, Gbenga Ashafa, has donated a science laboratory building to Isheri Grammar School in Ikosi-Isheri Local Council Development Area (LCDA).

Ashafa said the laboratory building was one of the 98 constituency projects he sponsored to boost education and technology in the district.

The building houses four laboratories for chemistry, physics, biology and basic science.

He said: "Providing access to quality education remains our top priority. Personally, I am committed to giving our children the best to boost their morale and interest in education. This laboratory is one of the education empowerment programmes we have executed in our constituency.

"In some schools, we have initiated lofty programmes, including the famous "Back-to-School" initiative, which provides writing materials, sets of mathematical instruments, textbooks, school bags and uniform to our children.

He urged the school management to maintain the

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