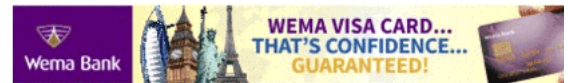


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•Seven persons killed, 16 arrested, 307 marked for detention

Rivers State Governor Rotimi Amaechi has said members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) are killed and harassed daily in the state.

Amaechi spoke at a news conference in Port Harcourt, the state capital yesterday.

He accused the police of taking sides with the peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

The governor listed the names of seven APC members who have been killed as: Thomas Wogu, Weli Okabie, Ngizin Omordur, Chima Ovunwo, Nnamdi Peter and Maduba Sampson.

He said the seven APC chieftains were killed in Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni (ONELGA) on March 10 APC during governorship rally in the area.

He also alleged that 16 of the party members have been arrested over unsubstantial charges, adding that 307 top members have been listed for arrest and detention before the elections to weaken the party.

The governor said: "The most ridiculous is that the Police whom we are supposed to run to for protection have commenced the withdrawal of Police security for top APC members, including that of the gubernatorial candidate, Dr. Dakuku Peterside. Where then we may ask lies our hope and the hope of the common man and all seekers of justice and protection if the police in Rivers State can so blatantly and unashamedly take sides in the Politics of the State? Has the Police stooped so low to become the enforcement wing of the PDP in Rivers State?

"We wish to again point out that whilst the recent rash unlawful arrests, harassments and illegal detention of APC members in the State using SARS and Zone 6 officers of the Police Force is taking place daily, nothing seems to be happening in respect of our various petitions and except the Almighty God, we are left with no protection from the law enforcement agencies and PDP is being encouraged to run amok and take the laws into their hands. This has invariably caused the generality of our members in the State to lose confidence in the ability of the Nigeria Police in Rivers State to protect all the citizens alike.

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"It is sad that because of the clear partisanship and deliberate attempt Rivers people could not be living at a worse season of insecurity now than ever, pitifully, under an Inspector General of Police, who co-incidentally had been a Commissioner of Police in the state. The IG cannot claim ignorance of the huge security gap that the administration of Rt. Hon. Chibuike Amaechi has filled in Rivers State over the years. "We are thus left to conclude that Mr. Suleiman is obviously sympathetic to the PDP and would rather protect the interest of the party rather than that of the generality of Nigerians.

"We therefore challenge IGP Suleiman Abba to prove to Nigerians that he is still an officer and a gentleman".



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