

Olanleke Abdul-fattah (third right); Government Relation Manager, Ikechukwu Ofuani (second left) and corporate communications manager Omolola Ola (fourth right) when the management of Procter & Gamble Nigeria visited the governor in Abeokuta...yesterday.

Man dies in Ogun after being struck with charms

IT was a shocking sight yesterday as a 25-year-old bricklayer, Ahmed Azeez, slumped and died at Ifo, Ogun State.

He was allegedly struck with charms by an official of the Articulate Motorcyclists Owners and Riders Association of Nigeria (AMORAN), after an argument.

It was learnt that Azeez, who occasionally rode a commercial motorcycle, pop-

From Ernest Nwokolo,
Abeokuta

ularly called *Okada*, to enhance his income, was asked by Adegbite to pay for the mandatory N450 daily ticket.

An argument, which degenerated into a fisticuff ensued over what Azeez called "outrageous levy".

A witness said other members of AMORAN took sides

with their colleague.

It was learnt that the official allegedly struck the bricklayer with a charm he brought out of his pocket.

The AMORAN official, who saw Azeez gasping for breath, attempted to flee.

But sympathisers compelled him to take the man to a clinic.

They later took him to the Ifo Divisional Police Headquarters, where he was tak-

en into custody after it was discovered that Azeez was dead.

The deceased's brother, Akeem, said: "The action of the AMORAN's official was a clear case of murder, which should not be swept under the carpet.

"This is murder and should be treated as such. They killed my brother for no reason. And we have been hearing from their group that they

would get away with any crime because they have the backing of the three tiers of government," he added.

The Chairman of AMORAN in Ifo, Nurudeen Jimoh, who expressed shock at the incident, said: "Killing is a clear violation of the union's mode of operation."

Police spokesman Olumuyiwa Adejobi confirmed the incident, which he said was being investigated.

Metuh, PDP NWC members on Ondo payroll, APC alleges

Orthodox religious method
for the vacant stool was passed.

threatened.

"It is also a dangerous prece-

media of partisanship.

Its spokesman, Kunle Omotavo, in a chat with *The Nation*