

Robbers kill 2 policemen in

Ilorin

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Ilorin

SUSPECTED armed robbers have killed two policemen in Ilorin during a raid on a first generation bank, carting away undisclosed sums of money.

Eyewitnesses told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Ilorin that the robbers invaded the bank at about 1.00 p.m on Wednesday and hijacked its bullion van conveying some money to the bank.

The robbers numbering about five, were alleged to have disarmed the policemen at the bank and made away with a huge amount of cash.

A reliable source said the manager of the bank immediately alerted the police about the robbery incident at the bank, minutes the robbers left the bank.

The police command also responded swiftly and dispatched some armed officers to chase the robbers to recover the money and arrest them.

It was learnt that the robbers who sensed the police were on their trail ambushed the policemen on Ogbomoso road and opened fire on them.

At the end of the shoot out, two of the police officers were killed, while the robbers made away with

two police vehicles.

Contacted, The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Gideon Marcus, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), confirmed the story.

KEBBI State Chapter of Transparency in Nigeria (TIN)

says it will partner with religious leaders to fight corruption and moral decadence in the society.

The state Chairman of the TIN, Comrade Faruk Maiyama, made this known in Bernin Kebbi at a two-day workshop



Minister of State, Finance Mr Elias Mbam (left) with Accountant General of the Federation, Alhaji Ibrahim Dankwabo (middle) and D G Bureau of Public Service Reform, Dr. Goke Adegoroye at the State House, Abuja.
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Traditional rulers advise Buhari on politics without violence

TWO traditional rulers in Kwara State have advised the ANPP presidential candidate, retired Maj.-Gen. Muhammadu Buhari, to imbibe the practice of politics without violence.

They are the Olupo of Ajase Ipo in Irepodun council area, Oba Ibrahim Omoware and the Etsu Lafiagi in Edu council area, Alhaji Saadu Haliru. The Olupo of Ajase Ipo in Irepodun while welcoming Buhari to his palace said violence would not do any politician any good.

Omoware advised the presidential candidate to preach the gospel of peace to his supporters so that nobody would give him a bad name.

"If you are destined to be Nigeria's president, nobody can stop you, so go about it peacefully" the monarch told

Buhari. Similarly, the Etsu Lafiagi in Edu area, told Buhari to make sure that his party's approach to the elections was non violent.

"It is God who gives one the position of leadership and by His power your dream will come true," Haliru prayed. In his speech, Buhari thanked the traditional rulers for their fatherly advice and the warm reception accorded him.

While soliciting for their blessings and the support of their people for him to realise his presidential ambition, he urged his supporters to monitor their votes during the election.

"It is by monitoring and following the votes cast by you that you can prevent rigging" Buhari said.

He told them to monitor their votes from the polling booths to the collation centres

and from the wards to the states and to Abuja so as to prevent the recurrence of the 2003 massive rigging.

Buhari, was accompanied on the visit to some other prominent traditional rulers in the

state by his running mate, Chief Ume Ezeoke, the Kwara state ANPP Governorship candidate, Alhaji Khaleel Bolaji and other ANPP national and state officers.

Police boss decries proliferation of parties

LACK of political ideology has been identified as being responsible for the proliferation of political parties in the country.

The Rivers Commissioner of Police, Mr Felix Ogbaudu, made the observation in Port

Harcourt at a seminar organized by the body of justices for the peace in elections.

Ogbaudu pointed out that the number of political parties involved in the present dispensation was the highest in the political history of Nigeria.

He said although the number could be a reflection of freedom of association, it was an indication of failure of the political class to aggregate individual quest for political power along ideological line.

"It is simply the search for a platform to possibly achieve individual political aspiration than the search for groupings that represent political ideas" he posited.

The police boss, represented by his Deputy, Mr. Bassey Inyang, noted that the consequences of the trend "is the immense problems of election management imposed on INEC and other stakeholders.

Give 50% of public to women

By JULIANA KATUNG,
Kaduna

THE former president of Kaduna State National Council of women society, Hajiya Maimunatu Latal Tombai has advocated the appointment and election of women into public by 50 per cent.

Speaking at the one day sensitization workshop on women's rights to vote, organized by the Kaduna north branch of National Council of Women's Society (NCWS) at the Magaji Gari local government chambers, she said that the involvement of women in the decision-making process at all levels of government is very necessary as they are also stakeholders. Hajiya tombai added that peace

is in the hand of Women which is the most important key for development, they should be given the opportunity to vote and be voted for, for them to contribute their quota in the development of the country.

Earlier, the current Kaduna State President of the NCWS Mrs. Anna Avong decried the situation whereby women were made to feel inferior or less endowed for public service saying they should be given the opportunity to contest for any post of their choice at the local, state and federal levels.

"The time of giving soap, salt, maggi and fake promises by

AC, PDP clash: 3 killed, 10 villages burnt in

By ARCHIBONG ESUENE

TRAGEDY struck when three persons were killed and over 10 villages burnt in a clash between the supporters of Action Congress (AC) and supporters of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Buruku Local Government Area of Benue State, New Nigerian Weekly in Makurdi gathered.

According to investigation, trouble broke out when one supporter of PDP was stabbed to death during a minor disagreement over which party wins the next general election in one of the local drinking joint in Kusuv ward of the local council.

Following the development, PDP thugs spontaneously reacted by burning over 10 villages

mayhem. Rather the PDP is responsible for all the atrocities being perpetrated in Buruku local Government area".

While alleging that the AC in Buruku Local Government has constantly been harassed by the PDP supporters to the extent that its local government secretariat was burnt down in Buruku with no arrest effected, pointing out that the case is still pending in court.

When New Nigerian Weekly contacted the Benue State Police Command for confirmation neither the Commissioner nor the PRO was not available to react. But unofficial source confirmed that the command has dispatched some of its men to the troubled spot.

belonging to AC members after which they proceeded to Buruku town with the corpse to unleash mayhem on any AC member.

In an interview with newsmen in Makurdi, the AC gubernatorial candidate, Hon. Shima Ayati, said that the plot was executed to cripple AC's campaign which he said is waxing stronger and stronger in Buruku Local Council.

The AC candidate for the state, however, decried the attitude of the Nigerian Police in handling the issue and denied any involvement of his Director General, "We strongly deny any involvement of our DG Hon. Aondowase Chia in the