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Benue State
Man dead, in Beer
parlour, Benue

Appeal Court sacks Olofa

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THE Federal Court of Appeal sitting in Ilorin, on Tuesday, removed the **Olofa** of Offa, **Oba** Mufutau Gbadamosi Esuwoye, by setting aside last year's judgment of a Kwara State High Court which upheld his appointment and installation by the Kwara State government.

It will be recalled that the legal tussle had been on for two years now through the challenge from a rival Olugbense Ruling House.

Delivering the judgment in the appeal suit no CA/IL/71/2012, Justice Hussain Mukhtar restrained **Oba** Esuwoye from parading himself as the **Olofa** of Offa and ordered the Attorney-General of the state and the governor to install Alhaji (Prince) Abdulrauf Adegboyega Keji as the new **Olofa** in his stead.

The judge upheld the

evidences of the appellants (Olugbense Ruling House and Prince Adegboyega Keji) and granted all their 16 reliefs which included

the cancellation of appointment and installation of Alhaji Esuwoye.

The court held that it believed the claim of the

Olugbense Ruling House that the ascension to the throne of **Olofa** of Offa is by rotation between the Olugbense Ruling House

and Anilerin Ruling House which had been established since 1969.

"The rotation principle has been established since

1969 when the late **Oba** keji from the Olugbense Ruling House agreed to step down from the throne and allowed the late **Oba** Mustapha Olawore Olani-pekun from the Anilerin Ruling House to ascend the throne in order to allow peace to reign in offa. This was after the intervention of the government", the court stated.

One killed, 20 injured in beer parlour in Benue

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CRISIS erupted on Monday in a beer parlour in Kyado town, Ukum Local Government Area of Benue State, leading to the death of one person while 20 others were injured.

The deceased, Msughaondo Lamana, was said to have been beaten to death while one Terhile Shikaan and others, were allegedly matcheted on the head and were said to be receiving treatment in various hospitals in the town.

The **Nigerian Tribune** gathered yesterday that the incident occurred when some customers

gathered at Sunny Beer Parlour, Kyado to unwind and some people suspected to be criminals numbering about 20, stormed the place and started beating and destroying properties.

It was learnt that the police in Ukum Divisional unit were quickly drafted to the area to prevent reprisal attacks and maintain law and order.

Mr Tyowua Torsen, owner of the drinking spot, who narrated the incident to the Nigerian Tribune in Makurdi, said the incident occurred between 8.30p.m, and 9.00p.m. while he was on his way to Makurdi. He said the criminals killed his younger brother, Msughaondo.

According to him, "I was on my way from Kyado to Makurdi for an engagement when they called me on phone that the chairman of a local government area sent some thugs and that they came to my beer parlour and inquired from the manager about my whereabouts. He told them I was not around and they descended on Dooior Anza and beat him up. They also killed Msughaondo and injured scores of others."

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Dan Ezeala, who confirmed the incident, said two people have been arrested in connection with

the crisis and that one person was killed during a quarrel that ensued at the beer parlour.

ASUU shuns national assembly, as ASUP plans to call off 70-day-old strike

DAPO FALADE-ABUJA

THE ongoing strike action of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) may linger for a while as its leadership, on Tuesday, snubbed a parley with the joint committee of the National Assembly on Education, along with the Ministers of Education and Labour and Productivity, Professor Ruqqayatu Rufai and

their demands.

At the Wednesday meeting aimed at resolving the lingering issue between the Federal Government and ASUU leadership, both the Minister of Education, Professor Rufai and her Labour and Productivity counterpart, Wogu, were kept endlessly waiting for the arrival of the ASUU national executives, with none of them showing up at the end of the day.

The lawmakers were only later informed that