

# Incessant killings: Mushin residents take protest to Lagos Assembly

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**R**ESIDENTS of Mushin area in Lagos, on Tuesday, stormed the Lagos State House of Assembly, in protest, complaining of incessant killings in the area by suspected hoodlums and calling on the Assembly to come to their rescue.

This is just as the Assembly has demanded from the protesters to supply to it the names and addresses of the affected hoodlums, promising to pass such information to relevant security agencies for prompt action.

"Let us have the names and addresses of the hoodlums. We will pass the message to the appropriate quarters," the deputy speaker, Honourable Wasiu Sanni Eshinlokun, who received the protesters said.

The protesters, who came with various placards and led by Mr Abiodun Leshi, revealed how suspected hoodlums severed the head of a resident of the area, by name Tunde, and kicked it about on the streets.

Some of the placards read: "Governor Ambode, we need protection," "Enough of these killings in Jibowu community," "Save our children," among others.

Leshi, who said that the menace of the hoodlums was being experienced in places such as Taniolodo, Lawani, Ojelawe and others, lamented that residents had been having sleepless nights over the issue.

"We have been facing incessant killings of our people. One Tunde was beheaded and they used his head to

play football," he said, adding that another resident, Sodiq, was killed last Friday, after Jumat service.

Leshi also recalled, "One Adeolu, was also killed re-

cently, we have always been living in fear in the area and we cannot sleep with our two eyes closed, but we felt we should see you to seek a permanent solution to the

problem," he said.

He said giving the frequency of the menace, some of the residents of the area had no other option than to relocate to places like Ikorodu

area of the state out of fear.

The deputy speaker, who led other lawmakers to address the protesters, said that the House shared the concern of the people.



From left, Director, Laboratory Services, Mrs Stella Denloye; Director, Veterinary Medicine and Allied Products, Dr Bukar Usman and the Director-General, Dr Paul Orhii, all of the National Agency for Food, Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), during a press conference on the dangers of consuming unwholesome imported frozen poultry products, at NAFDAC office, Lagos, on Tuesday. PHOTO: SYLVESTER OKORUWA.

## Blame PDP, Jonathan for inability to pay workers —Edo ALGON

BANJI ALUKO - BENIN CITY

THE Edo State chapter of the Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON), on Tuesday, traced the inability of some councils in the state to pay salaries of their workers to what it described as the mismanagement of the nation's economy by the immediate past Peoples Democratic Party (PDP)-led government of former President Goodluck Jonathan.

Fifteen out of the 18 local governments in Edo State are owing salaries ranging between three and nine months and the affected workers had since embarked on strike since January 2015.

ALGON was reacting to a statement credited to the state chairman of PDP, Dan Orbih, who stated that the state government had been pocketing about 70 per cent of allocation meant for local governments in the state.

The 18 local government

chairmen in the state, led by the their chairman, Mrs Itoha Osahon-Ogbeide, said this while addressing journalists on the PDP allegation.

Itohan said the paucity of funds in the local governments started in October 2014, when the Federal Government started complaining about oil theft and dwindling allocations from the Federation Account, pointing out the problem was unconnected to Governor Adams Oshiomhole.

She said: "Orbih is play-

ing to the gallery, this problem started with his PDP-led administration and rather than hide his face in shame, he chooses to tell lies in the name of politics. Those local government council workers, who are protesting, are doing so because we have been paying teachers."

The PDP, in a reaction, however, signed by its state chairman, Dan Orbih, said the council chairmen were coerced into denying the allegation by the state government, pointing out that the chairmen were being threatened.

"We sympathise with the council chairmen because they are being threatened

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and it should be treated as them draw their salaries bers and the senators that