

Boundary dispute: Saraki dissolves Oyun, Offa LGs

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KWARA State Governor, Dr. Bukola Saraki, has dissolved Oyun and Offa local governments following the lingering boundary dispute between two communities in the councils.

The dissolution of the councils was the outcome of a meeting the governor held with stakeholders from Offa and Erin-Ile communities on Monday evening at the Government House, Ilorin.

The two communities had been at loggerheads over boundary delineation that had claimed four lives and property worth millions of naira.

At the meeting were the chairmen of the two local governments, Mr. Folaranmi Aro (Offa), and Mrs. Hellen Popoola (Oyun), the two traditional rulers of the communities and all security chiefs in the state.

Saraki, who announced the dissolution in a statement on Tuesday by his Chief Press Secretary Mr. Bisi Abidoye, also appointed Mr. S.S. Mohammed and Mr. M.S. Omar as administrators for Offa and Oyun councils respectively.

He said he relied on Section 18 (5 & 8) of the Local Government Amendment Law 2006 to sack the councils executives.

The action will however be in force for a period of three months in the first instance.

Meanwhile, Saraki has constituted a seven-man judicial commission of inquiry into the boundary dispute between the communities.

Justice Hannah Olushola Ajayi heads the panel – Offa-Erin-Ile disturbance, destruc-

tion of property and loss of lives judicial commission of inquiry.

The commission has eight weeks from the date of its first sitting to submit its report to the governor.

Other members of the commission are Alhaji Saidu Isa, Mr. Adebayo Adelodun, and Mr. Sadiq Afodun, representatives of the police and the State Security Service, and Mr. J.K. Oye as the secretary.

Cult clash: Missing OOU lecturer found dead

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A lecturer at the Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State, Mr. Seun Oyedola, who was declared missing last Friday after a campus cult clash in the university, has been found dead.

Oyedola, an English Language lecturer, was found dead on Tuesday in a bush behind Popoola Hospital, Ijebu-Igbo.

The university's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Niyi Oduwole, who confirmed this to our correspondent, said the deceased was found by a search team comprising vigilance groups and security agents.

One of Oyedola's colleagues, who pleaded anonymity, said the deceased was teaching at the Abusi Edumare campus of the OOU, when cultists invaded the institution.

During the clash, a 200-level Philosophy student, Hassan Akeem, was allegedly gunned down by the cultists.

Oduwole, in an interview with our correspondent, said Oyedola's corpse was found

A statement by Abidoye said the panel would investigate and ascertain the immediate and remote causes of the crisis, determine the circumstances leading to the loss of lives during the crisis, and determine whether any person or group contributed in any way to the crisis.

It will also investigate and identify persons, other than security personnel, who possessed firearms during the civil disturbance, and identify how

such people got the ammunition and determine who supplied the firearms.

The Ajayi-led panel will also ascertain the extent of loss of lives or damage to property during the crisis.

Other terms of reference include making recommendation on how to avoid such disturbance in future, and suggesting appropriate punishment against anybody found to have contributed to the crisis.

behind Popoola Hospital, which had been converted to a hostel.

He explained that there were machete cuts on the deceased's legs, adding that his cell phone was beside him.

The spokesman stated that the lecturer's face was buried in the ground.

He, however, said the institution could not ascertain whether any part of the body had been tampered with.

Oduwole added that the

police had been invited to evacuate the corpse, while members of the deceased's family had been invited.

In a statement on Tuesday by Oduwole, the Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. Odutola Osinlesi, described the incident as disturbing to the university community.

The vice-chancellor condoled with the OOU branch of the Academic Staff Union of Universities and the family of Oyedola.

Don't promote false rep Ogun PDP warns aspir

Niyi Odebode, Abeokuta

THE peoples Democratic Party, Ogun State branch, has warned its aspirants not to promote false media reports.

The Secretary of the state branch of the party, Mr. Yemi Akinhanmi, gave this warning in an interview with our correspondent on Monday, when reacting to a controversy on a House of Representatives' seat in Ogun East.

There have been counter-claims by a member of the

House of Representatives, Mr. Dave Salako, and an aspirant, Chief Fatai Sowemimo over the seat.

A group, in a newspaper report last month, claimed that it was Sowemimo that won the party's primaries in 2003, but was prevailed upon to concede his victory to Salako.

Salako has since denied the claim.

Commenting on the controversy, Akinhanmi said such an agreement did not exist, adding that Salako