

The parties allegedly engaged

on Wednesday demanded  
N100m ransom for his release,

Government House on the

Chairman/Managing Director

## LASU students protest hit-and-run killings

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Some Lagos commuters and residents were on Friday held hostage at Anthony, Ikorodu Road, when the part-time students of the Lagos State University, Anthony Campus, went on the rampage to protest the death of an unidentified man.

The incident, which occurred at about 6 pm, took place on the Bus Rapid Transit lane in front of the campus by Idiroko Bus Stop. A police source told *SATURDAY PUNCH* that a commercial bus driver (*danfo*) on the BRT lane, had hit an *okada* rider carrying a passenger.

The source said, "A LASU part-time student was hit at this same spot just in front of the campus on Wednesday last week while trying to cross the BRT lane.

"A *danfo* driver, who was on top speed in an attempt to avoid the officials of the Lagos State Transport Management Authority, hit her and escaped.

The girl later died and that sparked a protest by her fellow students, which was eventually quelled by the police. Lots of *danfo* buses were damaged that day.

"This evening again, the same thing happened. A *danfo* driver driving recklessly on the BRT lane hit an *okada* rider carrying a male passenger; the man was said to have died on the spot.

"Although the man was not a LASU student, the students who witnessed the incident got angry and started a rampage, attacking every *danfo* bus in sight because the driver in question escaped again.

"It seemed they were reminded of last week's incident and the situation is not made any easier because there is no pedestrian bridge at that point. Right now, the traffic situation is chaotic on that route as the students are out on the streets watching out for any *danfo* to destroy."

The Police Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Command, Mr.

Samuel Jinadu, told *SATURDAY PUNCH* that the protest was as a result of last week's incident.

"A bus driver hit a LASU part-time student last week and that student was said to have died in the hospital

today. That is why her co-students took to the streets to protest her death.

"Police officers have been drafted to the scene and the situation is under control. No arrests have been made so far," Jinadu said.

## Revised Ondo laws take effect Sept 20 – Mimiko

Sunday Aborisade, Akure

Governor, Olusegun Mimiko of Ondo State on Friday presented to the public the newly-revised laws of the state.

Mimiko said the revised laws, which would replace the ones being used in the administration of justice since 1978, would become effective from September 20 this year.

He explained that the state now had 500 sets of revised laws published in a compendium.

He said the objective of the revision and publication of the laws was to remove obsolete and spent laws as well as codify the extant ones.

He said, "These revised

laws will further give an impetus to our aspirations to transform the social, economic and political landscape of the state just as it will regulate human behaviour and ensure peace and order in the society.

"Equal access to justice is an important pillar in the building of a stable and successful society, while its absence breeds myriad of societal vices such as the resort to self-help, violent crimes and a sense of hopelessness in the democratic order."

Mimiko urged institutions and stakeholders in the justice administration system to partner and form synergies that would deepen democracy and ensure peace and security in the society.

legs by the hoodlums and was said to be in a critical situation at an undisclosed hospital.

The Edo State Police Public Relations Officer, Peter Ogboi, who confirmed the release to our correspondent in a telephone interview, however, said he was not in a position to say whether or not any ransom was paid to secure Sorae's freedom.

The state Chief Judge, Justice Sehinde Kumuyi, lamented the stress being experienced by courts in the application of the obsolete laws.

He commended the state government for making the administration of justice easier with the revised laws.

The Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Mr. Eyitayo Jegede (SAN), enumerated the state government's feats in the justice sector since its inception.

He explained that the state government had put in place e-library services and a legal compendium software with automated internet updates for the bench and state counsel.