

National leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Bola Ahmed Tinubu, has described as political mischief, the attempt to misconstrue his statement concerning the traditional rulers in Yorubaland.

"I have never referred to any Oba in Yorubaland as uncultured. I hold Obas in high esteem. I have so many titles especially from Yorubaland. Only those involved in political mischief

will try to misconstrue the respect I have always given the Obas. They are just making a mistake," he said.

The former governor of Lagos State made this clarification while responding to a question by a journalist about his views on the role the Obas should play in ensuring national security and free and fair elections.

Speaking further, Tinubu said: "During the age of colonialism, the Obas were the custodians, even the defenders of our territory

and ever since, they have been protecting us in their own cultural ways, especially great Obas like the Alafin of Oyo, the Soun of Ogbomosho and even the Ooni of Ife among several others.

"Like Ooni of Ife said, they held forth while many of us were hunted and hounded out of the country by military dictators and history has documented our roles comprehensively.

"If we did not survive that period, we would all

have lost whatever values we have now or the dispensation we now enjoy. But because we now have democratic institutions does not render them invalid and I have never referred to any Oba in Yoruba land as uncultured."

Tinubu spoke after the presentation of APC flag to Dr. Kayode Fayemi as the party's governorship candidate for the June 21 gubernatorial election in the state on Wednesday at a rally in Ado Ekiti.

Court remands 3 over girl's death

From **BAMIGBOLA GBOLAGUNTE, Osogbo**

An Osogbo Magistrate's Court yesterday, ordered a 29-year-old man, Sina Ibiyemi and two other persons, to be remanded in prison custody for allegedly killing one Zainab Asimiyu in Ile-Ogbo, headquarters of Ayedire Local Government Area of Osun State.

Those remanded along side Ibiyemi are Saheed Mumin (30) and Seun Jacob (35) who were also alleged to be involved in the killing of Zainab. The three accused persons were arraigned on a two-count charge of conspiracy and killing.

Police prosecutor, Mrs. Iyabo Otomala, told the court that the offence was committed on May 10, 2014 at Ile-Ogbo.

She also informed the court that the offence was punishable under Section 324 of the Criminal Code Cap 34, Vol II, Laws of Osun

State of Nigeria, 2003.

The court however, refused to take the plea of the accused persons. The presiding magistrate, Mr. Olusola

Aluko, however ordered that the accused persons be remanded in Ilesa prison till June 18, 2014, when the case would be mentioned.

Terrorism: Cleric warns politicians against chaos

By **OLUWOLE FAROTIMI**

The Head of Celestial Church of Christ Worldwide, Reverend Emmanuel Os-hoffa has condemned the increasing rate of terrorism in the country, warning politicians against dragging the nation into anarchy.

The clergyman, who said this while speaking with journalists on the state of the nation, lamented that the country was fast sliding to a terrorists' state without regards for sanctity of hu-

man lives.

His words: "In consonance with the current state of terrorism and Boko Haram insurgency in the country, most especially, the kidnap of our girls, Celestial Church of Christ Worldwide do hereby declare a one day fasting and prayers for all members of the church throughout the world on Friday May 23, 2014."

He cautioned politicians against making inflammatory statements that were capable of disintegrating the country, adding that there was need for Nigerians to

pray for peace and unity of the country. He said the citizenry must strive to save the country from criminals.

Group wants

Proponents of states creation in Oyo State have argued that if states are to be created in the South West, they must be carved out from the present Oyo State.

In a release signed by Chief Wole Akinwande and Mr Jare Ajayi on behalf of the Oyo State Stakeholders on States' Creation, the group stated that by virtue of various demo-