

• Enugu State Governor, Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi flanked by the newly sworn in judges of the State High Court, Justice Cyprain Ajah, Justice Comfort Ani (left) and Justice Kenneth Okpe, Justice Harold Eya (right) shortly after their inauguration at the Government House, Enugu, yesterday.

## ...Protest turns bloody in Nnewi

From David Onwuchekwa, Nnewi

**PROTEST** by the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) for the release of Nnamdi Kanu yesterday became bloody at Nnobi, near Nnewi in Idemili South local government area of Anambra State.

Trouble started when protesters went to enforce an earlier stay-at-home order and ran into a group of young men, who were hanging out at a drinking joint along Nnobi-Nnewi Road. The youths, according to Daily Sun source, were said to have opposed an order to close the joint by the protesters, which eventually led to a free-for-all. In the ensuing melee, a young man, who was said to have come into the country just a week ago to take care of his sick mother, died.

"You have seen what these people who are

nothing but miscreants have done to our brother. Is it a crime for him to come back to Nigeria to see his mother? Now, they have killed him on the pretence of fighting for Biafra. If they are really sincere, why are they violent about it? Do they expect us to run away from our homes for them to actualise their dreams?" a friend of the deceased asked rhetorically.

Meanwhile, the three days market closure ordered by IPOB witnessed total compliance in the industrial city of Nnewi. Traders, who had earlier partially opened their shops as early as 7.30a.m., hoping that the order would not hold, were forced to close them by IPOB members who monitored the compliance while motorcycles shuttled between Onitsha and Nnewi.

When Daily Sun went round Nkwo Nnewi markets, traders in all sections of the markets

were seen discussing in groups in front of closed shops. Street traders were not left out as they were ordered to close shop. They complied for fear of being attacked. In a related development, implementation of the 2014 National Conference resolutions has been described as the panacea to the current agitation for Biafra by the Igbo.

Youth wing of Ohanaeze Ndigbo, the apex socio-cultural organisation of the Igbo, which made the assertion yesterday, said the resolution of the national confab has all it takes to peacefully resolve the agitation for Biafra and other agitations in the country.

## Markets, banks, shops, schools closed in Aba