

## APC WARD CONGRESS! APC WARD CONGRESS!!

## More confusion in APC as parallel congresses hold in Ogun, Osun

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The crisis rocking the All Progressives Congress assumed another dimension yesterday as one person was killed in Ekiti State while parallel Ward Congresses were held in Osun and Ogun states.

The deceased, identified as Jide was stabbed to death in Ado (Ekiti) Ward 10 while the congress was rounding off.

A source at the venue of the congress at the Pavilion, close to the popular Adekunle Fajuyi area, said, "After the congress was concluded, the boys who were on drugs had disagreement among themselves and before you know it, it turned to free for all.

"Jide was stabbed and rushed to the General Hospital where he was confirmed dead.

When contacted the State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Sunday Abutu, confirmed the report, adding that they got a distress from the area that fight broke out one person was killed.

In Rivers State, Magnus Abe asked members to boycott the congress, while the event did not hold in Bayelsa State due to a court injunction.

This was in flagrant disobedience to the warning of the Caretaker/Extra-Ordinary Convention Planning Committee (CECPC) that no member of the party or group

names of the executive committee members, and merely adopted them after head counts of members present.

For Ward 14 of Abeokuta South LG, Amosun's loyalists elected 27-man executive committee members with Odesanya Clement as the chairman, while Abiodun's loyalists equally announced 27 executive Committee members with Lasisi Taofeek as the ward chairman.

The situation was the same in Ipokia Local Government Area of the state.

In Ipokia Ward 1, Sunday Telegraph gathered that, the two groups had earlier converged on Ipokia Local Government Primary School, Alaga for the congress.

It was gathered that the Dapo Abiodun group later left the school premises for the party Secretariat at Aniwayoye House.

*Sunday Telegraph's* findings revealed that, the two groups held parallel congresses at Yewa North, Imeko Afon, Ado-Odo Ota and other parts of Ogun West Senatorial district.

The governor said the Congress in his ward was a consensus arrangement which was ratified through an electoral process, assuring party faithful that he would ensure that the ward is empowered to perform its duties.

However, the Chairman of the State Ward Congress Committee, Wale Ohu, insisted that



Ogun State Governor, Dapo Abiodun (middle) surrounded by newly elected officers of his ward- Ward 3, Iperu, Ikenne Local Government Area of the state at the end of the Ward Congress ...yesterday

claimed to be the State Organizing Secretary.

Hundreds of protesting aspirants, who had paid for nomination forms but were not given carried placards with an inscription "We'll Not Build Our Party Structures on Sinking Sand", besieged the party Secretariat.

This came as two factions, one, represented by the Deputy Senate President, Chief Ovie Omo-Agege and the former Speaker of the State's House of Assembly, Victor Ochei, now on the board of the Nigeria Maritime and Security Agency (NIMASA) and the immediate past director of Projects, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) have laid claim to the soul of the party in the state.

Onwuka distanced APC in Delta North Senatorial District from the exercise and insisted that there was no ward Con-

gresses in Kano is a product of a majority views.

But the Secretary of the Caretaker Committee of the party in the State, Mr Alabo Martins in a statement urged all party faithful to remain calm and united as the party was taking proactive steps to address the court injunction stopping the congresses.

### S' Court verdict won't affect party-Ganduje

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KANO

Governor Umar Abdullahi Ganduje of Kano State has allayed the fears which the Supreme Court ruling on the Ondo State governorship election had created in the party, saying that it has nothing to do with the consensus arrangement going on in the party.

Ganduje said this on Saturday after voting in consensus

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### Abia declares committee members wanted

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Members of the Committee sent to Abia State for the conduct of the ward congress, on Saturday absconded and refused to show up at the party's secretariat in Umuahia.

Briefing journalists on the development, APC Chairman in Abia State, Hon. Donatus Nwankpa declared the committee members wanted, stressing that their conduct shows that of people who came to destabilize the party and create confusion.

It would be recalled that the APC on Wednesday inaugurated a two-man congress committee for each of the 36 States and the Federal Capital

...Ajimobi group alleges parallel event

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The Chairman Senate Committee on Local Content and lawmaker representing Oyo Central in the Senate, Senator Teslim Folarin, yesterday described the Congress conducted by the party as very successful, saying that it is "no victor, no vanquished".

The three-term senator told newsmen in Ibadan that the party members displayed high level of political maturity which created peaceful atmosphere in the conduct of the ward congresses, which produced new set of executives across the 351 wards of Oyo State.

Group loyal to the late governor of the state, Senator Abiola Ajimobi, however alleged that some people conducted a parallel congress somewhere else, asking them to allow for unity.

The elated Folarin had said: "Our teeming faithful members, who turned out en mass to exercise their civic responsibility, confirmed that APC is on the right track to dislodge the misruling People's Democratic Party (PDP) in Oyo State in the 2023 general elections".

### Kwara APC congresses peaceful

Consensus arrangements adopted

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