

Respect Peace Accord, Offa, Erinle Communities Told

Governor Bukola Saraki of Kwara State has told on the people of Offa and Erinle, to respect the buffer zone and peace accord recently entered into by their representatives on the disputed land, in order to move the state forward.

Saraki said this in Ilorin, shortly after paying an inspection visit to the two towns, to ascertain the extent of damage.

He said it was when the accord is respected that they can live in peace and harmony.

He expressed satisfaction that normalcy has returned to the two towns, adding that the state gov-

From Hammed Shittu in Ilorin

ernment would not tolerate violent acts in any part of the state, and commended security agents in the state for maintaining peace in the areas.

He urged them to forget the past and continue to live in peace in true reconciliation.

Saraki, who was accompanied by the Speaker of the House of Assembly, Alhaji Bio Ibrahim, members of the state executive

council, the Commander, Sobi B barracks, Ilorin, Brigadier-General Saleh Maina and State Commissioner of Police, Bukar Maina, warned other communities in the state to learn from the ugly situations and prevent a recurrence.

The newly appointed Sole Administrators of Offa and Oyin local government councils were also on hand to receive Saraki.

The people of Offa and Erinle communities last week engaged them-

selves in clashes which led to the killing of at least three persons, while proper-

ty worth several millions of naira were destroyed. Since then, mobile

policemen and army have been deployed to the two towns to maintain peace.