

# APGA Absolves Govt from Onitsha Crises

He said the moment PDP, which is regarded as the largest political party in West Africa displays lackadaisical attitude, AD may hijack the scene in 2007 if care is not taken.

He advised stakeholders in the PDP not to make the mistake of singing the song that AD is dead, "they are not, as they are also mapping out strategies."

On the problems within the party, particularly in the south-west, He said chaos and political tussle will not assist the party to grow, rather, it would help to disoblise the whole process of democracy.

Babafode cautioned

Chairman of the All Progressive Alliance (APGA), Chief Victor Umeh, has absolved the Anambra State Government of culpability in the Onitsha crisis.

Umeh said instead, the crisis at Onitsha is being sponsored by some powerful politicians in the state, who

## ACD Cries Foul Over Guber Aspirant's Murder

The Advanced Congress of Democrats (ACD) has expressed concern over the handling of the investigation into the murder of Chief Jesse Aruku, a former Chairman of Bassa Local Government Council in

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in Enugu

want to destabilise the state government.

He identified politicians loyal to the former government as the ones causing trouble in the state, adding that the group has been bitter about political developments

in the state.

Umeh, who spoke in Enugu, said the crisis was aimed at creating anarchy in the state to stop Governor Peter Obi from delivering the dividends of democracy to the people of Anambra.

He accused the National Association of Road Transport Owners (NARTO),

and subsequently found dead, the party alleged.

Impeccable sources confirmed that 12 persons were arrested over the attack but a new twist was introduced into the matter when all arrested persons were allegedly released on

of being used, an allegation that had earlier been denied by the union.

Umeh defended the Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB), from having a hand in the crises, explaining that what the Movement does is to defend Igbo interest.

He said government has shown its ability to handle the situation by deploying soldiers and policemen to check the crises.

Umeh said "mercenaries, thugs and criminals, who see politics as business investment have taken over politics from experienced politicians

in the state.

He said the crises are master-minded by external forces that have no love for the people of the state, adding that there was political crises during the tenure of Governor Chris Ngige, but the solution is for the Federal Government to identify those behind the crises and bring them to book.

He said government can do this by setting up a panel of inquiry which will investigate the matter and recommend punishment.

He said lack of inquiry by the Federal Government was responsible for the recurring problem.