

# Rampaging Students Kill Female Teacher in Gombe

The tension created by the terror unleashed on the Gombe State capital by people suspected to be thugs and supporters of the Democratic Peoples Party (DPP) and the forceful abduction of former Governor Abubakar Habu Hashidu from court by his supporters on Tuesday afternoon had barely subsided when students of the Government Day Secondary School, Gandu in Gombe, went on rampage yesterday, killing a female teacher and setting the school ablaze.

The students, THISDAY checks revealed killed and set the teacher Mrs. Oluwatoyin Oluwasesan on fire for allegedly desecration of the Holy Quran while invigilating their end of term examination.

When our correspondent visited the school in the afternoon, the Vice Principal, Hajiya Hadiza Ali Gombe revealed that the

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teacher who was employed on contract, was assigned to invigilate the SS 1 classes who were writing their Islamic Religious Knowledge (IRK) exams.

The principal added that the teacher suspected that a foul play was about to take place as one of the students wanted to come into the exam hall with his books.

She (teacher) was said to have collected the books and threw them outside the class, unknown to her that there was a copy of the Holy Quran among the books.

She said before they knew what was happening, the students started shouting 'Allahu Akbar'. It was gathered that all efforts at controlling the rampaging students proved abortive. She said all efforts by the school Principal, Moh-

ammed Sadiq to protect the teacher in his office also failed.

According to her, in the ensuing fracas, the principal was also terribly beaten and injured while the students set the teacher's car, three classes, school clinic administrative block and library on fire reducing everything to ashes.

When THISDAY contacted the state Police Commissioner, Barrister Joseph Ahmed Ibi on the

incident, he confirmed that 12 people have been arrested in connection with the gruesome killing of the teacher adding that the police was still investigating the incident.

However, it was reliably gathered that all schools in Gombe metropolis have been temporarily closed down, while peace was gradually returning to the town, as at the time of filing this report.

## Robber's Raid 6 Banks in Nnewi, Kill 4 Policemen in Obosi

A gang of about forty armed robbers yesterday unleashed terror on residents of the Anambra State commercial town of Nnewi as six commercial banks were raided.

According to the Police Public Relations Officer,

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Mr. Fidelis Agbo who conducted reporters round the scene of the robbery, six banks were attacked but the robbers succeeded in gaining entrance into two of the

banks (names withheld).

Agbo further said that items recovered from the robbers who escaped unchallenged include four hammers, three chisels, over 800 expended bullets, three live ammunitions, seven gas cylinders and an L300 buses believed to have been used by the gang.

He however noted that though the four policemen were killed at Obosi, there were very strong indications that the two buses full of gunmen who attacked them may have been the robbers who raided the banks.

Before the operation which lasted between 1a.m to 5a.m along the Bank Road situated at the Nkwo Nnewi motorcycle Spare Parts market, four policemen who were on routine petrol were allegedly killed

at about 8pm in Obosi town close to Nnewi.

The slain policemen who had ended patrol in Obosi, and were heading back to the Obosi Divisional Police Station, include an Assistant Superintendent of Police, an Inspector, a Sergeant and a Constable.

Meanwhile, Governor Peter Obi has visited the six banks that were raided by robbers and expressed shock at the incident, while reiterating government's determination to work with the police and other recognised security outfits in fighting crime.

Speaking during the visit, an Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mr. Amusa Bello noted that the police could not stand the fire power of the robbers as it needed an Armour Personnel Carrier (APC) in the command

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expires April 12, the Senate President said that Obasanjo had the constitutional prerogative of proclaiming emergency in any part of the country as he deemed fit.

He said it was for the National Assembly to give such proclamation the necessary ratification.

According to him, "If the emergency rule in Ekiti expires and the President feels that the situation that gave rise to the proclamation in the first place is still there, he knows what to do and he

will call on the National Assembly for ratification.

"We will go through it and if we think it is in order, we would ratify it. So there are procedures again. As long as the process is followed properly, I do not think anything will be out of hand. Where you run into problem is where you try to circumvent the due process procedure; whether it is in your home or in government circles, follow the rules until the rule is amended.

You do not amend the rule

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by force."

The Senate President said the procedure for proclaiming a state of emergency was clearly defined in the Constitution and the role of the National Assembly was also very explicit.

"We are not in a position to change it," he said. "It is outlined who does what and what follows and so on. So, what has been guiding us is that we try to follow the rules. When we follow the rules, wherever it takes us, so be it."