

PDP, AC Trade Accusation over Violent Clash

Lagos State Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) governorship candidate, Senator Musiliu Obanikoro yesterday escaped an assassination attempt on his way to the palace of the Baale of Oregun. In the same vein, the state Action Congress (AC) alleged that PDP thugs invaded its rally in Oregun yesterday, killing one and injuring five others.

A statement by the Media Assistant to the politician, Mr. Lekan Odediran, said bullets hit Obanikoro's Nissan Jeep shortly after departing from a rally on Obafemi Awolowo Way in Ikeja.

The statement further said the senator escaped being killed mainly because the bullets of his assailants could not penetrate his bullet proof car. The statement

By Philip Ogunmade

expressed dismay that Obanikoro and the PDP rallies have come under severe attacks since the inception of PDP campaigns in the state.

"We are sad that our rallies and indeed our flag bearer, Senator Musiliu Obanikoro has been a constant target of attack by the AC in Lagos since the beginning of this campaign and there is no let up in their quest to retain power at all costs.

"Shortly after our rally at Ikeja, we headed towards Oregun to pay homage to the Baale of Oregun but just a few metres to the Baale's palace, about eight young men... shot at the convoy, specifically aiming at Senator Obanikoro's car.

They knew their target and they aimed straight at the spot where he sat in the car."

However, AC alleged that armed thugs in PDP campaign train invaded its rally held on Ibijoke Street near Oregun market, Ikeja, shooting and injuring six people. It also alleged that one of the six had been confirmed dead, while others were still receiving treatment at the Ikeja General hospital last night.

Narrating her ordeal, an AC leader in the area, Alhaja Iyabo Akerele said members of the AC were having a carnival-like neighbourhood rally to drum up support for their gubernatorial candidate, Mr. Babatunde Fashola when the convoy of Obanikoro passed through Kudirat Abiola way.