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Oyo: Ladoja Holds LG Polls Amid Violence

From Tunde Sanni in Ibadan,
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Violence erupted in different theatre in Oyo State yesterday when the outgoing Governor, Rashidi Ladoja made good his vow to conduct the local government elections as political thugs made efforts to prevent the elections from holding.

At least 10 people were feared killed with five deaths recorded in Saki West, two in Ibadan, three in Oyo while three people were matcheted in Ibarapa. They were said to be receiving treatment at undisclosed hospitals in the state.

Similarly, several houses belonging to the factional chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Alhaji Wasiu Abubakar (alias Tawa); the father of the sitting Commissioner of Information, Alhaji Adebayo Lawal, Alhaji Waheed Yusuf, the leader of the Ladoja group in Ona-Ara local government and the local office of the State Independent Electoral Commission (SIEC) at Ibadan North West local government were all torched.

Not fewer than 50 assorted vehicles

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which included those of Abubakar and some eight others within the vicinity of Ibadan North West were either burnt or vandalised by rampaging hoodlums.

Abubakar himself who was just returning from a trip was, according to eyewitness report, ambushed at his home, stripped naked and later whisked to Molete, the country home of an Ibadan-based politician.

The same fate befell a chieftain of the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP), Mr. Olanihun Laide and about 50 students of the Ibadan Polytechnic who reportedly served as electoral officials and were rounded up on their way to their various polling centers. They were all taken to Molete.

Since Wednesday, thugs in buses had been seen patrolling some major streets in the state capital with cutlasses, knives and sticks and daring the residents to come out for the election.

The hoodlums who were patrolling the city were also on the look out for polling centers while residents stayed in-door for fear of attack.

THISDAY checks confirmed that voting took place in some places in Ibadan North, Ibadan North West, Ibadan North East, Oluyole, Egbeda, Iddo, all in the defunct Ibadan Municipal Government. Voting also took place in the Central and Northern Senatorial Districts of the state.

The outgoing state governor around 12.43pm came out to cast his vote at his Ward 10, Bodija area and described the exercise as part of the democratisation process of the grassroots.

He confirmed the initial court order restraining SIEC from holding the election but added that with the transfer of the case file from the initial trial judge, Justice Iyabo Yerima, the order became unenforceable and thus paved the way for the conduct of the

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election.

He chided the PDP for not taking part in the poll, stating that it is better to partake in it and then fight it out later than to stay out. He also dismissed claims by his estranged godfather that the newly elected local government leadership shall be sacked by the incoming Otunba Adebayo Akala government next week.

Reminded on the orgy of violence recorded in some parts of the capital city, the governor remarked, "the violence recorded is not as much as that which happened during the governorship election but whatever, it is deplorable and condemnable.

"How can a party which claimed victory at a general election be afraid to contest a local election and even go to the extent of using thugs to shut down a broadcasting station and causing violence to prevent the election from not holding?"

With the change of government around the corner, Ladoja exuded confidence that the spate of lawlessness in the state would not continue stating, "from next week, a government which all would be proud of would have been in place."

The governor confirmed that about ten staff, mostly of the editorial and commercial units of the state broadcasting corporation were assaulted as thugs shut the station off air since Wednesday while some equipment of the station were carted away to the Molete home of Adedibu.

Ladoja's estranged godfather, Adedibu confirmed his involvement on the attack on the BCOS.

According to Adedibu who spoke to a group of newsmen said the attack on BCOS was carried out because the station was to be used to transmit the live broadcast of Ladoja about the poll and the follow up one day holiday in the state.

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Contacted, the state police boss, Mr. Jonathan Johnson said his command was not part of the election and as such could not have provided security. He however confirmed the deaths in Saki which he attributed to clashes between two factions of the NURTW in the area. He promised to investigate abductions of people during the poll.

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