

Irate Mob Set Casket Shops Ablaze

An reaction to an automobile accident where 18 people died at Eleyoowo Village, on Akure- Owo Road, in Ondo State, irate mobs yesterday set some casket shops in Owo town ablaze.

The accident, which occurred at about 10.00p.m. Wednesday night, involved a commuter bus and truck carrying malt drinks. Suspecting that undertakers in Owo town were behind the accidents, which happen mostly when there is a lull in their business, irate youths stormed caskets shops on Uka and Fajiyi streets, setting them ablaze.

The accident was said to have thrown the Rufus Giwa Polytechnic, Owo into mourning, as one of the senior members of staff of the institution died in the accident. A lecturer in the school who pleaded anonymity, confirmed that the senior lecturer was involved in

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the accident. Police Public Relations Officer in the state,

Appeal Court Upholds Akpabio's Election

The Federal Court of Appeal sitting in Calabar, Cross River State, has for the second time in one month, upheld the election of Chief Godswill Akpabio as governor of Akwa Ibom State in the April 2007 general elections.

Delivering judgment yesterday, in an appeal filed by governorship candidate of Action Congress (AC), Mr James Iniama, the Court said the petition against the ruling of the Governorship and House of Assembly Election Tribunal in Akwa Ibom State lacked substantial merit. In a two-hour judgment, the Court, presided over by Justice Suleiman Galadima, dis-

Mr Adeniran Aremu, who confirmed the accident, said on telephone that about 10 people died, adding that he was not aware of the protest.

From Ernest Chinwo

in Calabar

missed the petition of the AC governorship candidate, maintaining that Akpabio remains the duly elected governor. The Appeal Court had last month, dismissed a similar petition by candidate of All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP), Mr Sam Ewang.

Iniama had prayed the Court to set aside judgment of the Election Petition Tribunal for the Governorship/House of Assembly elections, which upheld Akpabio's victory.