

Violent Communal Clash Claims One in Sango

A man was feared killed in Sango, Ogun State yesterday as the Aworis and the Owus clashed over the installation of an Oba by the Olowu of Owu, Oba Adebowale Dosumu.

Oba Dosumu had allegedly installed Oba Gboun Adebayo, an Owu indigene, on Awori land.

An Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mr. Sunday Ukata was said to have been shot in the eye in the mayhem during which guns, bow and arrows, machetes and other weapons were freely used.

For over four hours, the battle raged putting a stop to all human and vehicular movements in the commercial town with all shops closed and the streets deserted.

Trouble started when the Aworis

*From Jaiyeola Andrews
in Abeokuta*

embarked on a peaceful protest against the installation of the oba.

An eye witness told THISDAY that "Members of the Awori Consultative Forum, masquerades, and others started a procession as a form of a protest from Obasanjo's farm in Ota to Sango. An Oba got wind that the Aworis were coming to Sango. He thereby ordered a mobilisation of resistant group to foil the protest."

When THISDAY visited Sango, gunshots rent the air and people were running helter skelter for fear of being caught in the crossfire.

Beside Wema Bank in Sango, a

corpse was seen lying by the roadside.

The warring factions fired gunshots at each other as both sides were heavily armed. They also did not spare the policemen who were drafted in to bring the situation under control, firing at them from both sides. Two armoured tanks with registration numbers NPF 2360 and NPF 676c were brought in and stationed at the Sango-Ota roundabout.

Among those injured were Chief Bashiru Osunlabi, the fourth in rank to the Olota of Ota, Mr. Afolabi Adeosun, Alhaji Tajudeen Adelowo and Mr. Fatai Lawal who were taken to different hospitals.

The Awori Consultative Council ACC at a press conference at the

palace of the Olota after the situation was brought to under control said that they were on a peaceful protest to the farm of the former President when they were attacked.

The ACC, speaking through its leader Chief Nosiru Akanbi Dehinde said "the peaceful demon-

stration was based on the Awori People's final appeal to Ogun State Government to put a stop once and for all to Oba Adegboyega Dosumu, the Olowu of Owu's unrepentant encroachment on Awori land in spite of several governments pronouncement over his

illegal puppet Obas and Baales in Aworiland.

"Since the Olowu and his cohorts at Sango, Ota, Ijoko-Ota and Atan Ota have thrown to the winds Ogun State directives and official condemnation of the Olowu and his illegal acts; we will not sit down and watch our ancestral home and traditional authority trampled upon. Aworis are neither Owu nor Egba".

Oshiomhole: Osunbor, PDP Appeal Tribunal Judgment

*From Omon-Julius
Onabu in Benin-City*

Comrade Adams Aliu Oshiomhole winner of the April 14, 2007 governorship election in the state.

The governor had, shortly after his election victory was overturned by the Justice Peter Umeadi-led tri-

In the appeal, filed by their legal team comprising L. Fagbemi (SAN), Chief E.L. Akpofure (SAN), Dr. Alex A. Izinyon (SAN) and S.O. Agwine Esq., the governor and his party advanced 13 grounds to contend that the learned Chairman and members of the election petitions tribunal erred in law by returning Adams Oshiomhole as