

# Labour Leaders Disrupt Promotion Exam for Directors

It was a day of mixed fortunes for the organised labour in Oyo State yesterday, as labour leaders in Osun State disrupted written promotion examination organised for senior workers from Assistant Directors and above cadre.

Also, the strike organised in Oyo State to protest wage table implantation recorded partial success as some workers resumed at their duty posts, shunning the directive to embark on strike.

However, the promotion examination which was scheduled to hold at Osun State University was brought to an abrupt end when labour leaders in the state chased the participating senior civil servants out of the examination halls with canes. It was gathered that the participating public workers were already seated in their different examination halls with papers distributed to them when the labour leaders stormed the venue in hired buses and ordered them out of the examination halls.

Chairman of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) in the

## •Oyo workers divided on planned strike

From Tunde Sanni in Ibadan

ment was conducting.

"This is strange to us in Osun because they call it competence examination. We don't know anything like that. What we are aware of is promotion examination. And unfortunately we are not carried along and I want to tell you that we are not going to support the exercise," he said.

However, the state Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr. Sunday Akere, said the issue was a family matter, which would soon be resolved.

The commissioner said government was already meeting with

the organised labour in the state with the sole aim of resolving the differences, adding: "We cannot disagree with labour, we believe

that in anything in life, professionalism, competence and capability must be given high priority. We cannot do anything to engage the labour in fight."

Meanwhile, the strike in Oyo

Two persons were feared dead and several others injured yesterday, at the Mile 12 area along the Ikorodu Expressway, Lagos when some Yoruba youths clashed with the Hausa community in the area.

The clash which spilled over to Ketu and Alapere areas as well as surrounding environs was alleged to be a reprisal by the Yoruba youths.

The Yoruba youths were said to

be protesting the death of their colleague who was allegedly beaten to death by some Hausa boys on Sunday in Lagos. The Hausa youths had accused the deceased of stealing a motorcycle.

THISDAY gathered that on sighting the corpse of their kin, the enraged Yoruba boys swiftly planned and executed a reprisal.

State suffered a set-back as civil servants reported for work at the Government Secretariat, Agodi, Ibadan, the state capital.

Prior to the purported strike, the state government through the

Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Mr. Akin Olajide, had declared the action as illegal and vowed to punish any civil servant who absented from his or her duty post.

## 2 Feared Dead as Suspected Hoodlums Clash in Lagos

By Chiemelie Ezeobi

According to eyewitness account, the Yoruba youths had stormed the Mile 12 area brandishing dangerous weapons and chanting war songs.

However, the Hausas were said to have gained an upper hand in the clash because of the sheer size of their number.

But for the timely intervention of the police led by the DC Operations Lagos State Police Command,

He claimed the Hausa boys had attempted to cover their actions by dumping the remains of the slain boy in a river near Akapere area of Ketu but were caught by some Yoruba people.

When contacted, the State Police Spokesman, Joseph Jaiyeoba, a superintendent of police, confirmed

Tunde Sobulo, THISDAY gathered that the clash would have been blown into a communal clash.

The incident caused a lull in commercial activities in the area as residents and motorists scamped for safety.

According to a resident who identified himself as Seyi: "The Hausa boys had accused the deceased of stealing their motorcycle and although he made attempts to escape, he was caught and beaten to death."

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## Presidency Tackles ACN over Comments on Kalouma Gas Explosion

### •Says Jonathan reacted appropriately

From Ahamefula Ogbu

in Abuja

Dr. Reuben Abati, listed a lot of measures by the President to

patched emissaries to the affected communities before leading a delegation to tour and meet with the impacted areas in addition to ensuring that the polluters were held

sioned on the extent of effect on the water, vegetation, gaseous emission and aquatic lives in the region while the University of Benin and another consultant had been mobilised to ensure that the right things were done.