

Curfew clamped on 6 more Anambra towns

Gov Obi summons stakeholders' security meeting

By Asaero Okonkwo & Tony Eke

A WKA - GOVERNOR Peter Obi of Anambra State yesterday extended the curfew to dawn curfew he imposed on Oritsha to six neighbouring communities: Nkpor, Ogboko, Okeke, Ndiokoro, Obo, and Obosi, even as he summoned a stakeholders' meeting for today to find a lasting solution to the violence that engulfed the commercial city in the last few

days.

Besides, senior army and police officers yesterday met in Ekeogu to review the security situation in Oritsha, and resolved to sustain the tempo of their operations with a view to restoring peace.

At the meeting were the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Mr. Mike Okoro, and the General Officer Commanding 82 Division of the Army represented by Colonel John Ochoyia.

Col. Ochoyia told the police team that the military was par-

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**FG faults
Inkur on
excess oil
money**

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BURMA - FINANCE Minister, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala yesterday responded to allegations that



emergency payment of \$17.33 million for a total of \$17.471 billion disbursed out of the excess crude account of \$27.488 billion, leaving a balance of \$10.017 billion.

"I want to assure Nigerians that under this present administration of President Olusegun Obasanjo, every kobo, naira and dollar of the Excess Crude Oil Account can be accounted for. And all the payments that have been made from this account can be accounted for. There is not one single kobo, naira or dollar missing from this account. All money can be accounted for."

"There has been a lot of press reports on it from the testimony of Engr. Haman Tukur of the Revenue Mobilisation, alleging that monies are missing or that commission have been paid out of this account to various persons unknown. I want to assure you that no money is missing."

"One thing I want to share with you is that at every Federation Account Committee meeting, every member of the Federation Account receives a table from the Accountant-General of the Federation, Central Bank tables from which they can see what the balance is. And this account is not different from the other

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ticipating fully in the Onitsha operation and the result was positive.

In his remarks, DIG Okoro said the violence in Onitsha was unfortunate in view of its negative impact on the nation's economy and image. He commended the conduct of the joint operation so far, saying it was a classic example of an effective action to guarantee security. Okoro said the Army would always be joint stakeholders in peace and security.

Condemning the activities of the hoodlums and their collaborators, the DIG said: "The problem does not augur well for the well-being of the people of the state and the nation in general."

Okoro said he would continue consultations with stakeholders to enhance security in the area.

The DIG who was accompanied by the Assistant Inspector General of Police for Zone 2, Mr. Ademola Ajakaiye, Enugu State Com-

missioner of Police, Mr. Charles Dawodu, and his Anambra State counterpart, also praised the existing cordial relationship between the Army and Police in the states within the 82 Division's jurisdiction.

The violence in the town took a dangerous turn on Sunday when the hoodlums attacked the Onitsha Prisons and set over 240 inmates free. Meanwhile, Acting Comptroller General of Nigeria Prisons, Mr. Okwara Uche Kalu, yesterday expressed disappointment over the attitude of the security guards at the Onitsha Prisons when it was invaded on Sunday morning and over run by hoodlums.

He said he did not rule out collusion between the security guards and the hoodlums. Fourteen of the 240 freed prisoners on inmates have returned.

Mr Kalu's position was prompted by information offered by returnee inmates that 20 armed security guards made up of 16 Mobile Policemen and four prisons securities personnel were on

ASUU raises alarm on lecturers' exodus

ZARIA — KANO zonal co-ordinator of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Dr. Nasir Isa, has expressed worries over the exodus of students and lecturers to other African countries.

He told a news conference in Zaria that stakeholders in the educational sector must arrest the trend to save education in Nigeria from collapsing.

Isa said there had been increased flight by students and lecturers to universities in Ghana, Niger, Lesotho and Ethiopia. He accused Nigerian elite of encouraging their children and wards to attend schools in Ghanaian and South African universities because of "the pathetic state of Nigerian tertiary institutions."

Isa attributed failure by the

Federal Government to honour agreements reached with the union as one of the factors responsible for the poor state of university education in the country.

The agreements, Isa said, included those on funding, university autonomy, academic freedom, and condition of service.

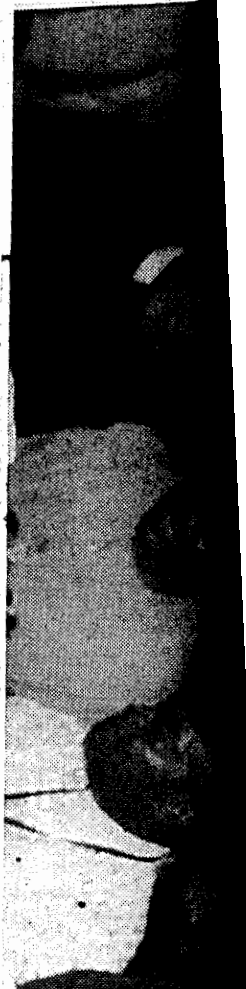
He said the agreements were established on the principle of collective bargaining and required that they be renegotiated every three years. He added that ASUU would take a drastic decision on the nation's

university education at its national executive council meeting in Kano on June 24.

Isa condemned what he called the continued injustice on 49 lecturers sacked by the University of Ife, adding that many of them had died.

CALL it a case of sour grapes if you like. But it will not be enough to stop bus-stop parliamentarians from complaining bitterly about the quality of African representation at the on-going World Cup tournament in

By Mike Ebongworo



Movements in Igbo land and beyond has finally become history. The retired judge of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, Hon. Justice Chukwudifu Oputa, superintended over the event. Several

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