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versions.

## Three feared dead as Area Boys clash

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NO fewer than three per-  
sons were feared dead  
yesterday during a clash be-

tween two rival groups of so-  
cial miscreants popularly  
called area boys in Surulere,  
Lagos. Scores of people were  
also wounded during the fra-  
cas while police succeeded in  
arresting about thirty of them.

Reports said trouble start-  
ed midnight Wednesday  
when the two factions of Area  
boys who were fighting for  
supremacy engaged each  
other in a fierce battle at a joint  
popularly called 'boys cor-

ner'. The encounter lasted  
till 3am before a team of po-  
licemen from various units in-  
cluding mobile cops put the  
situation under control.

## Illegal detention: Court orders Police Commissioner to pay N.1m compensation

By Kolade Lawejun

A BEOKUTA — A FED-  
ERAL High Court sit-  
ting in Abeokuta has ordered

the Ogun State Police Com-  
missioner to pay N100,000 as  
compensation and tender a  
public apology to former Gen-  
eral Manager of Gateway Ho-  
tel Ijebu-Ode, Princess Toyin  
Ibrahim for detaining her ille-  
gally.

Princess Ibrahim had on the  
12th of April 2006 dragged Mr.  
Tunji Alapini who was then  
the Ogun State Commission-  
er of Police to the Federal  
High Court and asked the  
court to declare her detention  
at the State Police Headquar-

ters, Elewera, between 6th  
and 13th of June as illegal and  
a violation of her fundamen-  
tal human rights.

She also sought the order  
of the court to ask Mr. Alapi-  
ni, the Ogun State Commis-  
sioner of Police and the In-  
specter General of Police to  
pay N10 million as compen-  
sation for the unlawful arrest  
and detention.

Delivering judgment in the  
suit, Justice Moji Olatoregun  
after reviewing the case said  
that the Respondents' keep-  
ing of the Applicant for eight  
days in the cell without chat-  
ting her to court was illegal,  
unlawful and most unreason-  
able.

Justice Olatoregun said "I  
cannot find any justification  
for such reckless act on the  
part of the respondents. I pray  
that the Police who are to pro-  
tect, maintain law and order  
are not fast turning the coun-  
try into a siege. What has  
been described in the appli-  
cation of the Applicant is  
nothing short of official law-  
lessness; a reckless and irre-  
sponsible behaviour which  
must by all means be visited  
with a serious reprimand."

Justice Olatoregun in her  
14-page judgment said that  
she was satisfied that  
Princess Ibrahim has been  
able to show that her arrest  
and detention was illegal.

## Power generation to exceed 5,000MW by Dec — PHCN

By Yemi Adeyiga

LAGOS — 'ELECTRICI-  
LITY generation in the coun-  
try is expected to rise to  
5,198mw by the end of the year  
if the projects embarked upon by  
the PHCN for its medium plan  
target starts to materialise.

This was disclosed by the  
Chief Operating Officer of Eko  
Distribution Zone of PHCN, Mr.  
Kola Omi during the commission-  
ing of the zone's Mushin  
Business district in Lagos  
yesterday. According to him, the  
Government from 1999 has em-  
barked on the rehabilitation and  
expansion of critical infrastruc-  
ture in the short, medium, and  
long term basis. In the short term,  
the Technical board decided to  
rehabilitate, retrofit and carry out

stopped the airline from  
operating passengers out of  
here.. The plane had to fly  
empty out of here to London.

Reacting to the development  
yesterday, British Airways  
said government action was a bit  
hasty, because according to the  
spokesman of the airline, Mr.  
Simon Tunba, the airline was  
still discussing with government  
on the matter before the action  
came.