

# Councillor clubbed to death; royal father held

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**AKURE** — THE crisis in Iju town in Iju-Itaogbolu council area of Ondo State continued yesterday as the Majority leader in the legislative council Hon. Emmanuel Ogunleye was clubbed to death in a reprisal attack over the leadership tussle which had enveloped the town for years.

Consequently, the traditional ruler of the town (name withheld), and about five others have been arrested personally by the state police Commissioner Mr. Innocent Ilozuoke.

The arrest of the traditional ruler, according to police sources, was predicated on the claim that the hoodlums that attacked the deceased were from the palace. Police source that confirmed that arrest, said that the monarch is been detained at the Criminal Investigation Department of the state police in Akure.

It would be recalled that recently the crisis in the town led to the destruction of the palace of the traditional ruler where properties worth millions of naira belonging to the monarch and his elder brother chief Olurunmibe Farunkanmi a Commissioner in INEC. Mobile police have been deployed to the troubled town following the resurgence of attack by the two warring parties.

**Saturday Vanguard** gathered that trouble started in the town when some people referred to as palace boys numbering twelve stormed the residence of the majority leader in two buses at about 7 pm on Thursday. Ogunleye is one of the supporters of one of the principal actor in the crisis Chief Tayo Alasoadura the state Finance Commissioner.

Following the breakdown of law and order in the town, the Police quizzed the two principal actors — state Finance Commissioner, Chief Tayo Alasoadura and the council chairman Mr. Dele Fagoriola. Their invitation was sequel to the confessional statement made by the suspects arrested invited the two actors.

The protracted leadership tussle resurfaced last weekend after the House of Representatives primaries of the Peoples Democratic Party PDP as no fewer than eleven persons including a 75-year old woman and three children sustained gunshot injuries following a bloody clash between supporters of two political leaders in the town.

It was gathered that the "Palace boys" attacked Ogunleye at about 7 pm in his residence on Thursday. After attacking the deceased, they equally manhandled his 75 year-old father and the elder brother who was left in a state of coma. The former councillor who represented Ward 8 was attacked on the skull with clubs studded with nails. After making sure that he would not survive the attackers fled leaving the deceased half dead. He was later rushed to a private hospital but he died before getting to the hospital. Following the incident, the leadership of the state police

command yesterday moved to the troubled town to restore peace and effect the arrest of the traditional ruler and other trouble makers. The state police commissioner, Mr. Ilozuoke, led the deputy commissioner and other top officers in the state to the town.

## Friesland Foods gets new MD, directors

**FRIESLAND** Foods WAMCO Nigeria PLC, makers of Peak and Three Crowns Milk have announced in Lagos the appointment of Mr. Kapil Garg, 42, Indian, as the new Managing Director of the company with effect from December 15, 2006.

Until his appointment, Garg was the Director, Consumer Marketing, of Friesian Flag Indonesia before he was appointed Controller, Consumer & Trade Marketing (West Africa and Middle East regions) based in Holland. He is married with two children.

In a statement issued in Lagos by the company's Communications Manager, Mrs. Ngozi Fakeye, three other persons were also announced to have joined the Board of Directors of Friesland Foods WAMCO Nigeria PLC with effect from November 23, 2006. They are Ms Evelyn Ndali Oputu, 57; Mr. Louis Nnamdi Mbanefo (SAN), 62; and Mrs. Oyinkan Ade-Ajayi, 45.

Oputu is the Managing Director/CEO, Bank of Industry Limited. She brings to the board her vast experience in business administration in the banking and industrial sectors of the economy. Mbanefo, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, is a seasoned legal practitioner. He is best recognized for his leading role in the development of maritime law in Nigeria. A founding member of the Musical Society of Nigeria, MUSON, and the third chairman of the society, Mbanefo is also a philanthropist. Ade-Ajayi holds a Master of Arts degree from the Institute of Education, University of London, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the London Business School. She has worked with SmithKline Beecham UK in charge of projects and is actively involved in charitable projects with the Nigerian Red Cross.

## IBB Movement holds national meeting

IBB Movement, a campaign group for Gen. Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida is holding a two-day meeting this weekend, at Lafia Hotel, Ibadan, the Oyo State capital. A statement signed by Chief (Mrs.) Aduke Fakoya, the Deputy National Chairperson on behalf of National Chairman, Dr. Chinwoke Mbadinuju said the meeting shall have in attendance the national executives from the 36 states of the federation

## ...YCT's PTA too

Yaba College of Technology (YCT) secondary school parent's teacher's association will today December 2, 2006 hold its 2006 annual end of the year party.

According to a release from the Chairman of the organisation, Mr. Omololu Fatunbi, the event which is strictly for parents is holding today at the school's PTA Multipurpose Hall premises at 2 pm.