

# Three feared dead as Ibadan boils again

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**I**BADAN—FRESH political violence broke out in Ibadan yesterday with at least three people feared dead. Governorship candidate of Action Congress in Oyo State, Professor Taoheed Adedoja narrowly escaped death in the violence which erupted after his entourage was ambushed by suspected hoodlums.

The hoodlums struck when the campaign train of the governorship candidate got to Efunsetan Round-About, Challenge, in Ibadan metropolis. Those who also escaped unhurt included former governor of the state, Alhaji Lam

Adesina, Oyo AC deputy governorship candidate, Chief Caleb Oyaniyi. They headed towards the Adelabu Adegoke Shopping Complex, Orita Challenge when the incident happened.

An eyewitness account said the hoodlums who had been waiting for the campaign train to arrive at the scene started shooting sporadically at the dark coloured Toyota Avensis car of the gubernatorial candidate. It was the shooting that alerted the anti-riot policemen on the campaign train that the miscreants were out to assassinate the politician. They reportedly alighted from the

vehicles and confronted the hoodlums who were closing in on the politician and other chieftains of the party. *Vanguard* gathered that the hoodlums would have succeeded were it not for the quick intervention of the security men who forcefully dispersed the thugs brandishing cutlasses, guns, cudgels, knives and other dangerous weapons. The running mate of the AC candidate, Chief Caleb Oyaniyi had his Mercedes Benz car marked OYO AG 655 AME damaged, while his Personal Assistant, Mr. Osiyemi, sustained serious injuries in his head as a result of machete cuts allegedly inflicted on him by the thugs.