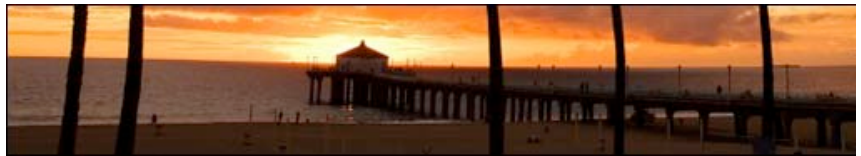


[HOME](#)
[Site Français](#)
[Site Guide](#)
[Who We Are](#)
[Content Providers](#)
[Advertising](#)
[My Account](#)
[MyAfrica](#)
[Biz](#)

Relevant Links

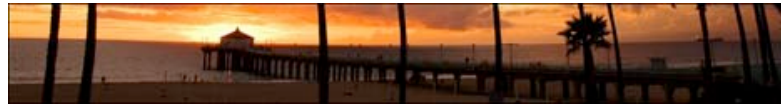
[West Africa](#)
[Nigeria](#)
[Petroleum](#)

Topics

FREE EMAIL HEADLINES

Special Reports & Briefings
 Photo Essays
 From allAfrica
 Sustainable Africa
 Topical Focus Pages
 Resources and Documents
 RSS Feeds
 BlogAfrica

Arts, Culture, Entertainment
 Books
 Book Reviews
 Children & Youth
 Conflict and Security
 Crime and Corruption
 Economy, Business, & Finance
 Editorials
 Education
 Environment
 Food, Agriculture and Rural Issues
 Health
 AIDS
 Malaria
 ICT and Telecom
 Legal Affairs and Crime
 Media
 Music
 Music Reviews
 Religion
 Refugees
 Science and Biotech
 Sport
 Soccer

[Travel](#)
[Women](#)
[U.S., Canada and Africa](#)
[Europe and Africa](#)
[Asia, Australia, and Africa](#)
[Middle East and Africa](#)
[Latin America and Africa](#)
[Internet Gateway](#)
[Content Providers](#)


VANGUARD

[Nigeria](#): One Killed As Protests Spread - Lagos, Kano, Ilorin Affected - Policemen Protest in Lagos

4 January 2012

Lagos — One person was killed yesterday in Ilorin as spontaneous mass protests greeted the new year's sudden removal of petrol subsidy in the country.

[Email](#) | [Print](#) | [Comment\(7\)](#)

Share:



The protests in which about 300 serving policemen participated in Lagos also took place in Kano, Benue and Oyo states among others. The Police Headquarters in Abuja described its personnel who protested as mutineers.

[Bruce Lee Footwork secret](#)

Learn how to control your opponent Predict what your opponent will do
www.elasticsteel.net/

AfricaNews

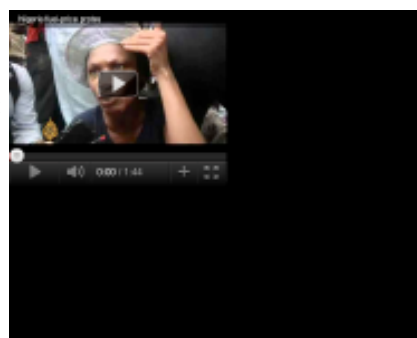
In Lagos, Nigerians protesting the subsidy removal and the over 150 per cent hike in the pump price of petrol shut down major parts of the state, including the ever-busy Ikorodu Road as vehicular movements were halted for over six hours.

This came as a Deputy Commissioner of Police, DCP, (name withheld), descended heavily on junior police officers for not firing live bullets at un-armed protesters.

Led by leaders of Joint Action Front, JAF, and some labour leaders, the protesters chanted anti-government songs and made bonfires on Ikorodu Road. They said the protest was the beginning of a major revolution in the country.

Travellers who were taken unawares were trapped in the traffic gridlock while the protest lasted as they were prevented from either entering or leaving the state.

The protesters including Dr. Dipo Fashina, Chairman of JAF; Mrs Ganiat Fawehinmi, widow of late Chief Gani Fawehinmi; Femi Falana, Comrade Issa Aremu, Vice President of Nigeria Labour Congress, NLC; Secretary-General of Trade Union Congress of Nigeria, TUC, Chief John Kolawole; Vice Chairman of Lagos Council of NLC, Comrade Sanni Adeleke; Mr. Femi Aborishade, Senior Lecturer, Ibadan Polytechnic, and Comrade Abiodun Aremu, JAF Secretary, among others, moved from the Lagos office of NLC, in Yaba through Ojuelegba into Ikorodu road.



They displayed several anti-government placards some which read, "99.9 per cent of Nigerians say no subsidy removal"; "N65 per litre or revolution;" " we reject this wicked new year gift," "deregulation is not the answer, build more refineries," "Okonjo Wahala, IMF agent, leave now", "Jonathan: Tunisia revolution can happen here", and "Power belongs to the people."

At Fadeyi, the atmosphere became charged as area boys set bonfire on both the major road and service lanes, thus causing panic among motorists who hurriedly made u-turns and sped off from the area.

SELECT SELECT 

IN TOPICAL FOC



**Ads by Google**[Criminal Checks](#)[Background Checks](#)[Background Checks Free](#)

An un-identified soldier was manhandled and injured by some area boys after he had a disagreement with them at Fadeyi, but was later rescued.

Also, a Thisday Photographer was rescued by the area boys from the hands of an overzealous policeman who wanted to seize his camera for taking shots of burning

tyres on the road.

Though some policemen fired tear gas canisters at the protesters in Fadeyi, the incident did not deter them as they took over both sides of Ikorodu Road.

While most of the protesters were dispersing at Maryland, a Deputy Commissioner of Police arrived at the scene and descended on police officers who were guiding the peaceful procession for not shooting at them.

He was seen hitting the junior police officers with his service pistol asking, "why are you not shooting?"

Immediately, the policemen started firing tear gas canisters at the remaining protesters.

At Ojota, the protest almost resulted to violence as four protesters believed to have been earlier arrested by men of Operation MESSA, were spotted and the protesters insisted that they must be released.

Consequently, they surrounded the policemen and their two pick up vans and were about to descend on them when the four persons were released.

Addressing protesters earlier, JAF Secretary, Comrade Abiodun Aremu said: "The struggle of June 2007, that reduced the price of petrol from N75 per litre to N65 per litre has just begun. It is on the account of that struggle that we are marching round the streets of Lagos to say no to further increase in the pump price of petroleum products.

"This protest which just commenced in Lagos today will hold across the 36 states of the country, starting with cities like Port Harcourt, Ibadan, Osogbo and Enugu among others.

Casualties in Nigerian Fuel Protests

NEWS — Nigeria: Subsidy Protests Turn Violent

NEWS — Nigeria: Unions Call National Strike Over Fuel Subsidy

VIDEO — Nigeria Fuel Price Protests Turn Violent

PHOTO ESSAY — Anti-Fuel Hike Protest in Lagos

TOPICAL FOCUS — Widespread Fuel Protests Sweep Nigeria

Arému said that there would be more protests today which would lead to barricading of roads just as bonfire would continue round the city of Lagos.

According to her the protest would "continue until the Federal Government reverses the pump price of fuel to N65 per litre", vowing that Nigerians "must make the government to understand that the people in Aso Rock cannot determine their future."

About 300 policemen had earlier in Lagos, staged a peaceful demonstration against the removal of fuel subsidy by the Federal Government even as the state

Police Spokesman Mr Jinadu denied any knowledge of such protest.

Eyewitnesses, said the policemen demonstrated in the early hours of the day by marching through Oregun Road area of Ikeja and heading towards Alausa, the Lagos House, Ikeja, chanting anti-government slogans.

Recommander

19 recommandations. [Inscription](#) pour voir ce que vos amis recommandent.

Copyright © 2012 Vanguard. All rights reserved. Distributed by AllAfrica Global Media (allafrica.com). To contact the copyright holder directly for corrections — or for permission to republish or make other authorized use of this material, [click here](#).

AllAfrica aggregates and indexes content from over [125 African news organizations](#), plus more than [200 other sources](#), who are responsible for their own reporting and views. Articles and commentaries that identify [allAfrica.com](#) as the publisher are [produced or commissioned by AllAfrica](#).

AllAfrica - All the Time

[Read comments](#). [Write your own](#).

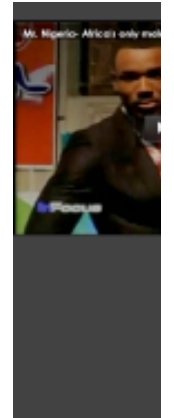
TODAY'S FEATURED NEWS

Free Support, 1
Low Investment

Start / Exp
Termination f
Click fo

www.gedgwa.com

NIGERIA VIDEO FR



MOST ACTIVE S

Most Read Mo

- Jonathan - I Govt
- Why Strike
- 20 Killed in Borno
- Jonathan S Hikes
- IBB Tells Jc
- Nation Brac
- Facts of Fu
- Jonathan S Fuel Subsidy
- Boko Harar Jonathan
- Economy V Nationwide

AT A GLANCE

Boko Haram S
Jonathan
Nation Braces
Protesters Shu
Scrapping Fue
Union Leaders

MORE NEWS F

[Nigeria: Musici
Kuti, Ruggedm](#)