

## Rally: APC supporters in bloody clash again, woman dies in Alimosho

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It seems the last may not have been heard of political violence in Lagos as a female supporter of the All Progressives Congress, APC, was allegedly hacked to death during a door-to door campaign rally in old Alimosho Local Government area of the state.



The rally was organised by party leaders in the area, Egbe-idimu Local Council Development Area, LCDA, led by Alhaji Abdullai Enilolobo to canvass support and votes for President Muhamnadu Buhari's re-election bid and that of the Lagos State Governorship candidate, Mr. Babajide can Sanwo-Olu, Lagos West Senatorial candidate, Senator, Solomon Olamilekan, popularly called, "Yayi." and other APC candidates in the forthcoming general elections.

Lagos State Governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode (3rd right); All Progressives Congress (APC) Governorship Candidate in Lagos, Mr, Babajide Sanwo-Olu (2nd right); his running mate, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat (right); wife of the Governor, Mrs. Bolanle Ambode (left); Senior Special Assistant to the President on Sustainable Development Goals, Mrs. Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire (2nd left); Chairman, APC Lagos, Alhaji Tunde Balogun (3rd left) during the Flag Off Campaign of the Lagos APC at the Skypower Ground, G.R.A, Ikeja, on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Recall that a similar incident occurred earlier in the month at the official flag-off of APC campaign at Ikeja, Lagos, where the popular officer of the National Union of Road Transport workers, Musiliu Akinsanya, popularly called, "MC Oluomo," was attacked and stabbed by a member of a rival group. He has since been discharged after medical attention and currently recuperating in an undisclosed location.

Aftermath of the bloody event, the leadership of the party, led by it's chairman in the state, Alhaji Tunde Balongun, announced suspension of mega rallies but directed that a door-to-door campaign rally should be adopted at various council's as part of measures to eliminate possible violence.

Vanguard learned that trouble started at the rally, held somewhere at Egbe area of the council, Old Alimosho, Thursday, when some yet to be identified cult group members allegedly attacked another rival group over sharing of money, and in the process, the victim was stabbed repeatedly, before she later gave up the ghost.

Many others were said to have sustained different degrees of injury in the process.

According to an eyewitness, Mr. Akeem Alade, "the lady, simply, identified as Rashidat, from Isheri-Olofin area, was struggling with some group of armed young boys who attacked her in the ensuing melee, and within a twinkle of an eye, she was rolling in a pool of her own blood. Efforts to save her life proved abortive as she later died on the way to the hospital."

The development led to panic among residents as news filtered in that the rival group members were planning a reprisal attack soon.

However, when contacted, Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Chike Otti, denied any knowledge of the incident, but admitted there was a campaign rally by APC, which he described as "peaceful.

"We have no record of any clash or casualty at any rally. Infact, we gathered that the party had a peaceful and successful campaign," Otti said.

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