

AWARD: From left: Bari. Mathew Egbadon (fourth left); Executive Director, Lee Engineering Group of Companies, Esemudje Napoleon (seventh left), and other company officials at the University of Chlef (Dr) Agbonjagwe Leemon Ikpea (CON) received Honourary Doctor of Business Administration Award.

Chaos in Onitsha as mob burns Soludo's revenue agents alive

By Vincent Ujumad

An irate mob has set ablaze two men said to be revenue touts working with Anambra State government.

The men were set ablaze for allegedly causing the death of an innocent bystander at Old Market Road along Venn Road by Egerton in Onitsha, Anambra State.

It was gathered that the tipper driver lost control of his vehicle and rammed into the by-stander, killing him immediately, as the revenue agents dragged the steering of the vehicle with him.

A gory video circulating on the internet showed the mob beating two of the revenue agents with objects and setting them ablaze.

A man, who made video recording of the incident, said: "There was chaos in Onitsha this morning as angry mob set ablaze two revenue touts, while four others were lucky as they managed to escape. The revenue collectors, numbering about six were chasing the tipper driver over a certain amount they asked him to pay.

"As they were chasing him, some of them were dragging the steering with him, but unfortunately, in the process, the tipper driver lost control rammed into a passer-by, killing him instantly.

"Immediately, the

revenue collectors saw the damage they have caused, they tried to flee the scene, but Onitsha mob got angry and descended on them, setting ablaze two of them instantly while four of them managed to escape.

"This is one death too many that has been going on in Anambra in the last two years. The person who the tipper driver rammed

into is a known person. We cannot continue like this anymore. These Revenue touts of the state government have killed more Ndi Anambra than non-state actors."

Another source, who is a trader also said: "Onitsha was hot this morning at Egerton by old market road. Revenue men were dragging steering with a

Suspected land grabbers invade Ondo community

By Dayo Johnson, Akure

Tension has gripped the Isinkan community, headquarters of Akure West LCDA in Ondo State, as suspected land grabbers, armed with dangerous weapons, reportedly disrupted an ongoing housing project.

According to reports, about ten individuals stormed the site in a convoy, drove away workers, and allegedly destroyed equipment.

Sources claim the intruders acted on the orders of the Deji of Akureland, Oba Aladelusi Aladetoyinbo.

The Secretary of the families owning the land, Mr. Akin Akinwumi, stated that the property belongs to the descendants of late Chief Akin Agbi, Pa Fanibuyan, and Akinwumi.

"This land has been in our family for over 500 years, granted to our forefathers

by the Iralepo of Isinkan," he explained. "We conducted a perimeter survey, laid out the property, and sold it to PWAN Homes Ltd. as part of a development project.

"I was shocked when the developer reported that thugs from the Deji's palace had invaded the site. What concern does the Deji have with a legitimate sale of property? This interference is

unwarranted."

The Iralepo of Isinkan, Oba Oluwagbemiga Olofin-Adimula, condemned the alleged disruption, urging the Ondo State Police Command to investigate and bring the culprits to justice.

Reacting to the claims, the Deji of Akureland, through his Chief Press Secretary, Michael Adeleye, dismissed the allegations as "false and wicked."

Officer, PPRO, SP Tochukwu Ikenga, said the police had responded swiftly to bring the situation under control.

Ikenga said: "Anambra police responded swiftly on the receipt of the fatal accident that happened in that area. We are already working with the relevant authorities to ascertain what happened and find an amicable solution to such, especially on future occurrences. I will get back to you as soon as I get more facts on the incident, please."

Retired Colonel, 85, bags PhD as TASUED graduates 4,140

By Adesina Wahab

A retired Colonel of the Nigerian Army, Bolaji Titilola Onafowokan, aged 85, is among the first set of doctoral degree students produced by the Tai Solarin University of Education, TASUED, Ijagun, Ijebu Ode, Ogun State.

Disclosing this at the weekend while briefing the

press on activities to mark the 16th convocation ceremony of the university, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Oluwale Banjo, said the first set of PhD holders to be produced by the institution totalled 67.

"I am happy to inform you that the university will at this 16th convocation ceremony graduate its first set of doctoral degree holders. They are 67 in number and the list included a retired Army Colonel, Bolaji Titilola

Jaiyeola Wasiu and Engineer Jubril Dotun Sanusi," he stated.

Prof. Banjo, who is winding down his tenure as the VC of the first university of education in Nigeria, added that some projects would be inaugurated by the Visitor, Governor Dapo Abiodun.

"We are happy to say that within the last one year, we have done some projects to add to what we have on ground. We have expanded the Medical Centre and the fund used was from our