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Wife Bashing: Ondo deposes Deji of Akure, banished

The Deji of Akure, Oba Oluwadare Adepoju Adesina (Osupa III) was on Thursday deposed with immediate effect by the State Executive Council presided over by the State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko.

The State Executive Council subsequently directed the Akure Kingmakers and the Akure South Local Government to immediately commence the process that would lead to the emergency and installation of a new Deji of Akure.

And in order to forestall the breakdown of law and order and protect the rights of others, Oba Adepoju was banished and ordered not to step into Akure Township for a period of six months in the first instance by the State Executive Council.

Council in its decision, which it based on the provisions of Section 17 (1) and (2) of the Chiefs law 1984 as amended that vested the State Executive Council with the powers to suspend or depose any chief if it considers such suspension or deposition to be reasonably justifiable, noted the outrage, protest and condemnation that greeted Oba Adepoju's conduct as demonstrated by the protest embarked upon by the National Council of Women Societies, the Federation of Women lawyers among others.

It further noted that on Sunday, May 30th, 2010, Oba Adepoju Adesina conducted himself in the most dishonorable, condemnable and disgraceful manner and has by that conduct brought the institution of Obaship and the stool of Deji to disrepute and public odium and his various acts are against public order, public safety/ public morality and not in accordance with the customs, tradition and public order and morality.

Aside, it disclosed that various reports of security agencies in the State found the former king culpable adding that the response of the deposed King to the query issued on him by the Commissioner in Charge of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs on Thursday June 3, 2010 was "completely unsatisfactory as his conduct was unbecoming and has eroded the sanctity, dignity and respect of the stool of Deji of Akureland."

Council also noted the reaction of the State Council of Oba which had on Thursday June 3, 2010 suspended Oba Adepoju from the Council pending when the State Government would take a decision.

It will be recalled that Oba Adepoju was reported to have on Sunday, May 30, 2010, invaded no 141 hospital Road, in company of Olori Remi Abiola Adepoju and allegedly assaulted Olori Bolanle Adepoju during which the woman sustained injuries.