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# Family petitions IG over bricklayer's murder



The family of late Nasiru Semiu, a bricklayer allegedly killed by suspected land grabbers in Sagamu, Ogun State, has called on the **Inspector-General of Police (IGP)** to urgently intervene and bring the perpetrators to justice.

According to a petition written by the family's solicitors on behalf of Haruna Parakoyi, Yinusa Parakoyi, Adewale Parakoyi, Azeez Waliu, Lasisi Abiodun, and Oyedele Reuben, the attack occurred on October 30 at Ajeregun Village, Konigbagbe, Sagamu, when a group of armed men allegedly invaded the community, shooting sporadically and terrorising residents.

The late Semiu was said to have been contracted by Oyedele Reuben to work on a plot of land purchased from the Parakoyi family. During the attack, Semiu was reportedly shot in the hand and stomach. He was rushed to Shotubo Divisional Police Headquarters, before being referred to Ogun State University Teaching Hospital (OSUTH) for treatment.

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Due to the ongoing industrial strike at OSUTH, he was later transferred to God's Own Hospital, Ojijo, where he was placed on life support in the Intensive Care Unit. Despite efforts to save his life, Semiu succumbed to his injuries on November 5.

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The family's lawyers described the incident as "a barbaric and senseless killing of an innocent man," adding that the victim was neither a land grabber nor a cultist, but "a peace-loving, hardworking artisan whose only crime was to earn a living." The petition further alleged that the attackers carted away the deceased's motorcycle and mobile phone after the assault.

The incident, according to the petition, has thrown Ajeregun Village into panic, forcing residents—both young and old—to flee their homes for fear of further attacks. The family is now pleading with the police authority to swiftly investigate the matter and ensure justice is served.

"We are calling on the police and all relevant authorities to intervene urgently and bring these criminals to book. Our community is under siege by these land grabbers who continue to kill, maim, and destroy lives without fear," the petition read.