

Suspected robbers kill technician in Ondo

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Suspected armed robbers invaded Shagari community in Akure, **Ondo state**, and killed a popular refrigeration and air-conditioning technician, Idris Abiodun Clement, during a robbery attack during the weekend.

The deceased, a 47-year-old father of five, was reportedly killed in the early hours of Saturday when the hoodlums invaded the Shagari area of Akure South Local Government Area.

It was gathered that the robbers, numbering five, stormed the community at about 1:00 a.m., attacking residents and dispossessing them of their valuables before breaking into Clement's residence.

The incident has thrown the community into mourning, with the family of the deceased demanding justice and calling on security agencies to ensure that all those involved in the killing are arrested and prosecuted.



One of the deceased's sons, AbdulFatai Clement, explained that the robbers had attacked other houses before gaining access to their family compound.

According to him, his father confronted one of the robbers in an attempt to protect the family but was overpowered by the gang.

"The robbers had already attacked about two houses before they came into our compound. My father confronted one of them, not knowing there were about three or four of them.

"They attacked him with axes and cutlasses before one of them brought out a gun and shot him. We rushed him to the hospital, but he later died after losing so much blood," he said.

A friend of the deceased, who identified himself simply as Hakeem, described the late technician as a humble and generous man who was always willing to support others.

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"He repaired refrigerators and air conditioners and was always encouraging people to succeed in whatever legitimate business they were doing. His death is a painful loss to the community," he said.

The widow of the deceased, Mrs Taibat Clement, appealed to the Ondo State Government and security agencies to ensure that those responsible for the killing are brought to justice.

Confirming the incident, the Ondo State Police Command said one suspect had been arrested in connection with the robbery and murder.

The State Police Public Relations Officer in the state, DSP Jimoh Abayomi, said the suspect was arrested by security operatives and is assisting the police with investigation.

"We have arrested one suspect in connection with the violent attack on residents of Shagari and the killing of the technician.

"The suspect is currently in the custody of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCID) and is assisting with investigation," he said.

He said the command had directed detectives to intensify efforts to arrest other members of the robbery gang who remain at large.

He assured the family of the deceased and residents of the area that the command would conduct a thorough investigation and ensure that all those found culpable are prosecuted.