

Gunmen strike in Ondo, kill traditional ruler

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A traditional ruler, Oba Kehinde Jacob Falodun, of Alagamo of Agamo community, in Akure North Local Government Area of Ondo State, has been abducted and killed by gunmen.

Six armed men reportedly broke into the traditional ruler's home on Wednesday and removed him, according to Ondo State police officials.

“Information received at the Division at about 7:50 p.m. from a community leader, High Chief Ajewole Clement of New Town, Itaogbolu, indicated that approximately six armed men stormed the residence of the monarch, forcibly took him from his compound, and subsequently fled the scene,” the spokesman of the Ondo State Police Command, Abayomi Jimoh, said in a statement on Thursday.

“The victim was later found a few metres away with gunshot wounds. He was confirmed dead at the scene.”

Jimoh revealed that a group of police investigators has since been sent to the region to increase security and potentially capture the monarch's killers.

“Upon receipt of the report, the Divisional Police Officer, alongside command Tactical teams, promptly mobilized officers in collaboration with local security outfits, including Atuluse Security, local hunters, and Amotekun operatives, to comb adjoining bushes and surrounding areas in a bid to apprehend the perpetrators.”

The spokesman urged citizens to remain calm and to swiftly report any pertinent information that could aid the police investigation into the murder.

“The Police Command assures the public that no stone will be left unturned in bringing those responsible for this heinous act to justice.

“Members of the public with credible & actionable information are urged to report to the nearest police station or contact the Command,” the statement read.