

14-Year-Old Boy Shot Dead In Osun By Suspected Political Thugs

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A 14-year-old boy, Ezekiel Olapade, has been shot dead by some suspected political thugs in Ilobu, Irepodun Local Government Area of [Osun State](#).

According to a video circulating on social media, the incident occurred around 3 p.m. on Monday when the suspected political thugs opened fire at a palm wine shop belonging to the victim's mother located opposite the Local Government secretariat.

Speaking in the video, the victim's father alleged that the attackers arrived in a branded vehicle of one of the gubernatorial candidates of a Political Party in the State.

The father said everyone at the scene, including his wife and son, ran for safety, but his son went back to rescue his mother, who he noticed had fallen down while running for safety.

Confirming the incident, the spokesperson for the [Osun State police command](#), Mr Abiodun Ojelabi, said the command has launched a manhunt for the perpetrators who are currently at large.

Mr Ojelabi explained that the incident occurred in the afternoon, adjacent to the Irepodun Local Government Secretariat.

He also disclosed that another person was hit by a bullet and is receiving treatment in a hospital, adding that the identity of the second victim is yet to be established.

Reacting to the incident, Director-General, Imole Campaign Council, Senator Kamarudeen Olalere Oyewumi described the circumstances of the death of the innocent boy as heartbreaking and infuriating.

Oyewumi, while addressing a press conference at the Council Media Office, GRA, Osogbo expressed worry over the spate of political violence and killings in the state.

Referencing a series of political attacks on the innocent residents of the state by those he described as political thugs allegedly working for the opposition party, Oyewumi reiterated the call for the redeployment of the Commissioner of Police, Ibrahim Gotan who he accused of partisanship and bias.

According to the Senator representing Osun West Senatorial District, there have been several violent attacks on innocent people of the state without any arrests, alleging that most of these attacks were being carried out in the presence of security personnel.

"Yesterday, June 21, 2026, Osun State witnessed yet another tragic and avoidable loss of human life when a 14-year-old boy, Ezekiel Olapade, was reportedly shot dead during a violent attack carried out by armed political thugs in Ilobu, Irepodun Local Government Area.

"The circumstances surrounding the death of this innocent child are both heartbreaking and infuriating. According to accounts from his family and eyewitnesses, Ezekiel was not a political actor, nor was he engaged in any confrontation.

"He was simply trying to rescue his mother, who had fallen while fleeing from the scene of a sporadic shooting unleashed by a criminal gang led by one Saheed Kareem, popularly known as "Tanfeani." In that courageous attempt to save his mother, the young boy paid the ultimate price with his life. Tanfeani and his gang shot him on the head, and the innocent youngster died right there on the spot.

"More disturbing is the fact that the Osun State Police Command has publicly identified the alleged leader of the gang responsible for the attack.

"The whole world has heard the police acknowledge the identity of the principal suspect. The entire world is therefore waiting to see whether this acknowledgement will be followed by decisive action or whether it will become another addition to the growing list of unresolved political killings in Osun State.

"The Imole Campaign Council unequivocally condemns this barbaric act. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Olapade family and all peace-loving people of Osun State who continue to endure the consequences of politically motivated assassination, as we have in this context. No parent should have to bury a child because some dead-end political actors have chosen violence over democratic engagement".