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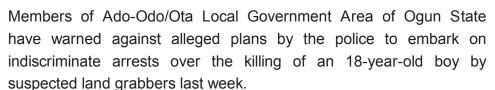
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Bidemi Akinde was last week Tuesday shot by a notorious gang of land grabbers commonly referred to as "Ajagungbale", allegedly led by their leader, Mutairu Owoeye.

Since the incident, the community has been living in fear of attacks by the gang, because their leader was said to have been arrested.

Addressing a news conference yesterday, counsel to the community, Barrister Olarewaju Ayedun, said they have information that some principal witnesses to the case have been pencilled down for arrest.

"It is fact that this cabal of terrorist use security agencies to intimidate communities when reports of their barbaric acts are reported. In this case also, we have information that they want to storm the community and arrest people who are going give evidence on how the innocent boy was killed and how the Owoeye gang has been terrorizing them in

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the past 24 years. Despite our high respect for the new leadership of in Jaji for screening the police, we want to raise this alarm in order to checkmate whoever is having such plan", he said.

He added: "All we are asking for is justice. Nobody is above the law; that era is gone. The judicial process must not be thwarted. The people are ready to give evidence whenever they are called to do so". Responding to the purported court judgement which the gang relied upon to storm the community, the counsel said it had nothing to do with his client.

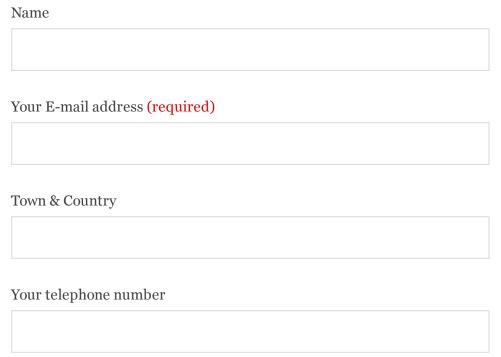
"The alleged judgment which they were using to come and paste notice in our community does not concern us; it does not cover us. If you are not part of a case, you are not bound by the judgment of that case. If they want to institute a case against us, they can, but should not hide under the umbrella of a case which we are not party to", he said.

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