

# Deputy police commissioner found dead in apartment

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**A** Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Gbolahan Olugbemi, has been found dead in his house in Ogbomosho, Oyo State.

Olugbemi, who was the ADC to the late Oyo State Governor, Alao Akala, was of the Lagos Police Command and had gone to celebrate the Easter holidays.

The senior police officer who was celebrated for his role during the #EndSARS protest, is said to have died in a mysterious circumstance.

The incident has thrown officers attached to the Force Criminal Investigation Department (FCID) into mourning.

When Daily Trust visited the FCID office in Lagos, officers were seen in groups discussing the incident.

But the police through the FCID spokesperson, ASP Aminat Mayegun,

have said they would investigate the death, adding that the former Personal Assistant to late DIG Israel Ajao and late CP Young Arebamen could not have committed suicide as earlier rumoured.

A police source at FCID said some persons would be invited for questioning over the incident. Among them those who first saw the corpse.

"This is to ascertain where the deceased went to before his death, who was with him at the time he entered his room, including who had his two handsets as of the time of death," the source said.

However, a source close to the family told newsmen in Ibadan that the senior police officer committed suicide in his private house in his hometown, Ogbomosho, Oyo State.

The source said, "Yes, he committed suicide. His body was found hanging in his house yesterday (Monday).

He stays alone, and he normally comes home for Easter celebrations.

"This time, he told his aides to go and celebrate with their family members in their various homes. Only God knows what could have prompted him to commit suicide."

A United Nations medalist in Law Enforcement and Administration, Olugbemi had served as the ADC to the late Oyo State Governor, Alao Akala.

He was a Divisional Police Officer at Ilupeju and Area Commander at Ajah in Lagos.

He had received training in terrorism and counter-terrorism operations, several awards in Nigeria and abroad, and was celebrated in the media for several good deeds in the course of his career.

Olugbemi was a graduate of the University of Lagos and the Olabisi Onabanjo University.