

# Gunmen kill Owu high chief, three others

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**A**RMED men, on Saturday invaded a meeting between Owu chiefs at Atan in Ado-Odo Local Council area of Ogun State and shot dead four persons, including a high chief. The Owu are President Olusegun Obasanjo's kinsmen.

Those that died and others had gathered to welcome the Owu monarch, Oba Olusanya Dosunmu, for a meeting with them when the gunmen struck.

*The Guardian* gathered from a police source that 50 persons have been arrested in connection with the incident, which has brought tension to the town.

Besides the high chief, Adedotun Sowole, other village heads killed by the armed men were Amos Taiwo, Alasi Olorunda and Adebayo Sowole whose father was installed as the Baale of Iyana Iyesi, Ota.

Oba Dosunmu last year

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installed 11 Owu Coronet monarchs, an action, which attracted a lot of protests, especially from the Aworis who have been insisting that the Oba's action was illegal and therefore null and void.

*The Guardian* learnt that the gunmen who invaded the Ansar - u -deen Primary School venue of the aborted

meeting numbered 11. Chief Adedotun Owoyele, one of the Owu chiefs who confirmed the incident, alleged that the attackers were Awori youths. Owoyele, who is the Baale of Ketu Oluyo, however blamed the police who allegedly refused to provide adequate security, despite an earlier request to that effect.

He said: "We were not armed because we did not expect anybody to attack us. We asked for police protection because of miscreants.

"They (the gunmen) emerged from a corner, about 11 of them, and started shooting our people. When we saw that four of us had been shot dead, we fled the place," Owoyele

stated.

According to him, "those gunmen are Awori youths resident in Atan here. If there were strangers, they must be very few. The people that were shot dead were well known by the invaders. Only God saved those of us that are alive because the invaders know us too."

But in a swift reaction, an

Awori chief, who pleaded anonymity, denied any involvement of Awori youths in the incident.

He said: "Although we are not happy with what the Olowu did, our youths are law-abiding. They will never resort to lawlessness. Baales and obas installed by the Olowu should look elsewhere for their invaders".