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Gunmen kill white cap chief in Lagos

Controversy trails killing of 73-year-old monarch, family says robbers, Police say 'assassination'



The late Onimole
By Odita Sunday



His wife, Kehinde



A cross-section of sympathisers at the palace

PHOTOS: ODITA SUNDAY

There was palpable disquiet bordering on panic yesterday, following the killing of Chief Kayode Adeshina Onimole, the *Onimole* of Lagos and a member of the 'white cap chiefs' of Lagos. Questions begging for answers are on the lips of residents of the Igan Iduganran, the traditional palace of the Oba of Lagos, Oba Rilwan Akiolu. While some family members said the late Onimole died at the hands of armed robbers, the Lagos State Police Command sees the killing of the traditional ruler as an assassination since nothing was stolen from him. Sympathisers in Isale-Eko area have been wondering how the hoodlums walked into the ever-busy palace of the late Onimole unnoticed. The *Guardian* gathered that the assailants walked into the bedroom of the 73-year-old traditional ruler and shot him without stealing a pin. But his family members said they did not suspect any foul play. Sympathisers thronged the palace of

the late chief, which is a few buildings from Oba Akiolu's palace. According to one of the leaders of the Onimole family, Major General Segun Ajiborise: "Our family has lost a rare gem." The killing of our brother is a very pathetic experience. Early this morning, we woke up to hear the news that our brother, Chief Kayode Adeshina Onimole, the *Onimole* of Lagos and the *Opemulero* of Yoruba land was robbed and killed. "We quickly got the police involved. The police have come and they have embarked on homicide investigation into the matter. "I can only tell you that our family would miss Onimole. "Even the people of Isale-Eko would miss him. We have been receiving calls from all parts of Nigeria and America. People have been calling to give words of consolation to our family members. Our father was about 73 years old before he was killed. There is nothing we can do. We just give glory to God. He had a credible character. Baba Oloye could not hurt a fly. He

had no enemy as everyone was his friend. If you speak to people on this Iga Iduganran area, you would be amazed about the good things they would say about *Baba*. The assailants came into his palace and killed him," The retired military officer said. He added that police investigation would unearth whether it was assassination or armed robbery. According to him, "We don't know whether there is foul play anywhere. We have left that one for police to establish. He was a traditional ruler but he had only one wife and six children. One of the residents, who preferred to remain anonymous, said: "I am still in shock. I watched the football match between Nigeria and Mali with *Baba* here at his palace. We were all rejoicing over the winning of our team. So, I was shocked when I heard that he had been killed this morning. I have not recovered from the shock," he said. Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Umar Manko told *The Guardian* on telephone that the as-

sailants were not robbers. He, however, assured that the police had swung into action to unearth the mystery behind the death of the traditional ruler.

According to him, "Two men walked into the man's bedroom around 3.00a.m. and shot him. They did not steal anything so they were not armed robbers. We have commenced investigation into the matter already." The Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba is leading the investigation team and they have already swung into action."

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Briefs

Media to mark Mother's Day

By Isaac Taiwo

In a bid to appreciate the role of mothers in nation building, R-Well Media and Advertising Company Nigeria Limited, the producer of Health Monitor, My Tomorrow, Young Scholars and Triple MTV programmes, is organizing an elaborate and scintillating Mother's Day Fiesta on March 9, 2013 at the National Theatre, Iganmu-Lagos.

Addressing the media recently at Sunfit, FESTAC Town, Lagos, the Managing Director and Chief Executive, R-Well Media, Mrs. Jibe Ologeh said Mother's Day celebration, "is an event that has been universally accepted as a day when mothers are celebrated and appreciated for their unflinching role in the family, society and nation at large."

She advised that the event be given the necessary prominence it deserves, and not limited to churches alone.

"It is our belief that this vital event that, over the years, had been prominently associated and celebrated in churches in accordance with certain beliefs, norms and cultural heritage, should go beyond the church because of the unique role mothers in the nation."

"With a view, therefore, to bridging this gap, we have decided to organize in a special dimension, Mother's Day celebration, which of course, would be a yearly event, by identifying mothers who could be regarded as role-models as well as those who have contributed immensely to our society, with a view to appreciating them."

Prof. Grace Alele-Williams will be the guest speaker while facilitators will discuss issues bordering on "memories of my mother, women empowerment," among others.

Adeyemi for burial today

MRS. Adenike Omotayo Adeyemi (nee Martins), aged 73, is dead.

Her burial rites began on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 with a Service of Songs at No. 265, Agege Motor Road, Mushin, Lagos, a Christian was held yesterday.

Her funeral service takes place today at 10.00am at the African Church Mission

Uloho tasks alumni associations on development

ALUMNI associations of Nigerian universities have been tasked to help develop infrastructural facilities in their various universities and always interact with university au-

recently when the executive members of the Delta State University Alumni Association (DELSUAA) Warri Chapter paid him a courtesy visit.

According to Uloho, who is



such institutions, including the government".

Speaking further on the recent establishment of three additional federal universities in Nigeria, the University of London-trained

Earlier in an address, the Chairman of the DELSUAA, Warri Chapter, Mr. Igbuwe Joseph Omamuzoh stated that the executive members decided to visit him to commend his efficient and effective performance in the