

# Gunmen kill Oyo ex-deputy Speaker's security aides

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**T**WO persons, including a policeman, were killed by gunmen during a dawn invasion of the private residence of former Deputy Speaker of the Oyo State House of Assembly, Kazeem Ayilara.

Although Ayilara escaped death by whiskers, his police orderly and another private security guard, who was a member of the Odua Peoples Congress (OPC), were killed by the unknown gunmen.

The four-man gang, it was learnt, had stormed the Apata residence of the lawmaker who was recently suspended alongside seven others opposed to Governor Adebayo Alao-Akala and forcefully gained entry after killing the security men on duty.

Although Ayilara escaped death during the invasion, he was said to have been beating to almost a state of coma while two other persons caught in the dawn attack were also shot and are all recuperating in a hospital.

Some lawmakers, who were suspended alongside Ayilara, described the attack as politically motivated, saying nothing was taken away from the house by the gunmen except the gun of the late policeman.

But the Commissioner of Police, Baba Adisa Bolanta, who confirmed the incident, dismissed claim that the gunmen were assassins, saying the incident was a mere armed robbery attack.

Bolanta confirmed that the gunmen made away with a pump action gun from the house and assured of the command's readiness to thoroughly investigate the matter.

At Ayilara's residence, the window louvers and walls were riddled with bullets while the security house where the night guard was shot dead was splattered with blood.