

Police arrest killers of Fasoranti's daughter as Adebajo insists on restructuring

By Kanayo Umeh (Abuja)
and Rotimi Agboluaje
(Ibadan)

17 April 2020 | 4:02 am

The police yesterday announced the arrest of killers of Mrs. Funke Olakunrin, daughter of Afenifere leader, Chief Reuben Fasantin.

Force Public Relations Officer, DCP Frank Mba, named the suspects in Abuja as Lawal Mazaje; Adamu Adamu; Mohammed Shehu Usman Illela and Auwal Abubakar.

The late Olakunrin was on July 12, 2019 killed by unknown gunmen between Kajola and Ore along the Ondo-Ore highway in Ondo State.

Consequently, the Inspector General of Police, Mohammed Adamu, by the next day, deployed the CP in charge of the Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad (FSARS), Fimiha Adeoye, to coordinate the Police Special Forces and investigators from the Force Criminal Investigations Department (FCID), Federal SARS, Intelligence Response Team (IRT) and the Technical Intelligence Unit (TIU) from the force headquarters, Abuja to massively hunt for the killers.

But Mba, who spoke yesterday, added that after months of "relentless efforts to apprehend the killers, the police team, on March 4, 2020 during a follow-up action on a case of a high-profile armed robbery and kidnap for ransom that occurred in Ogun State, arrested one Auwal Abubakar 'm' 25yrs, an accessory after the fact of the crime, along Sagamu-Ore expressway in Ondo State."

He noted that the apprehension led to the nabbing of two other members of the gang, Mohammed Shehu Usman and Lawal Mazaje in Benin, Edo State from whom a cache of ammunition was recovered and one other Adamu Adamu in Akure, Ondo State.

He added: "Having established sufficient physical and forensic evidence linking the suspects to the killing of Mrs. Funke Olakunrin, the investigators, determined to clear all doubts relating to their findings, on April 8, 2020, conducted an identification parade at the Federal SARS headquarters, Lagos which led to the positive and physical identification of three suspects, Adamu Adamu, Lawal Mazaje and Mohammed Shehu Usman by a survivor of the earlier crime.

"The survivor gave a clear description of the roles each of the identified suspects played in the killing. At this point, the suspects capitulated and voluntarily offered a no-holds-barred confession on how Mrs. Funke Olakunrin was killed."

Meanwhile, another Afenifere chieftain, Chief Ayo Adebajo, yesterday reiterated his call for a return to true federalism to correct the alleged imbalance and injustice in Nigeria's political landscape.

During a live programme in Ibadan, Oyo State, he stressed that most problems affecting the nation were rooted in a distorted constitution crafted by the military, adding that things would never take the right path until the anomaly was addressed.



Funke Akindele urges Nigerians to collaborate with government

4 hours ago



Facebook-powered virus 'heat map' unveiled

3 hours ago



Ondo discharges first coronavirus patient

3 hours ago

