

# Gunmen Kill Agagu's Ex-CSO

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○ Fear on Wednesday gripped the security personnel of Ondo Governor, Olusegun Agagu, after his former Chief Security Officer, Tunde Awanebi, was murdered a few hours after he was sacked.

Awanebi, a retired Assistant Inspector General of Police, was shot in the head in a pharmaceutical store on Ijoka Road, Akure about 9:30 p.m.

Eyewitnesses said the assassins trailed him on a motor cycle to the store where he had gone to buy some medications.

They ordered everyone to lie face down. One moved close to Awanebi and shot him severally in the head. The killers left off before anybody could raise an alarm.

The owner of the store rushed Awanebi to the State Specialist Hospital, Akure, where doctors certified him dead.

Police Commissioner, Innocent Ilozuke, confirmed the incident and said the police have placed a machinery in motion to arrest the killers.

○ On Tuesday night, a member of People Democratic Party (PDP), Bode Alonge, was murdered in

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front of his home in Akure, after he attended the swearing in of Agagu. He got married only last month.

Agagu has announced a N10 million reward for any one who supplies information leading to the arrest of the murderers.

He made the announcement through the Chairman of his Campaign Organisation, Oluwadare Agbi, who accused the state Labour Party (LP) of carrying out killings before and after the elections.

But the LP washed its hands off the incidents and, instead,

blamed the PDP for the recent spate of violence in the state.

Its Director of Press, Kolawole Olabisi, recalled that the party has in the past four months been alerting the people of plans by the government to unleash terror on them.

He alleged that the PDP murdered Awanebi to cover up its activities in the elections in which the deceased was an active participant.

"How come that the very day on which (Awanebi) was sacked was the day he was shot dead? Who wanted him dead but those who felt that he might spill the beans (after) he had been unceremoniously eased out after be-

ing used for their dirty job? These are questions the PDP must answer instead of pointing accusing fingers at the wrong direction," Olabisi charged.

Meanwhile, Agagu has announced the dissolution of the state executive council and approved the appointment of Deurimini Isaac Kekemeke as the Secretary to the State Government.

Kekemeke was Commissioner for Works, Lands, and Housing; and had served as Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice.

Before all that, he was Minority Leader in the state As-

sembly between 1992 and 1993.

A statement issued on Wednesday by Agagu's Chief Press Secretary, Yemi Olowolabi, thanked the commissioners and special advisers for their service to the people and wished them well in their future endeavours.

However, the statement directed chairmen and members of boards and agencies to remain in their posts until further notice.

From 2003, Agagu had retained most of his commissioners and aides, with minor cabinet reshuffles on two occasions, but that may not be the case during his second term.