

Tinubu's Former Aide Murdered

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A FORMER Special Adviser on Mineral Resources to immediate past Governor of Lagos State, Bola Tinubu, Ahmed Onipede, has been killed by unknown gunmen.

Onipede's body was found in a pool of his own blood in his home at Badagry, Lagos early Monday morning.

Daily Independent gathered that Onipede, was murdered shortly after he returned from a political meeting, which lasted till the dawn of Monday in the Badagry area.

This is coming exactly a fortnight after the Action Congress (AC) gubernatorial candidate in Ogun State, Dipo Dina, was

killed by assassins.

Confirming the incident, the State Commissioner of Police, Marvel

Akpoyibo, said Onipede's body was found lifeless in his house on Monday morning.

He however added that the police would investigate the cause of death and bring culprits to book.

Onipede's death increases the spate of worry over politically motivated murders across the country in the last three years with the Nigeria Police unable to bring the perpetrators to book.

A couple of months before the 2007 gubernatorial elections, governorship candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party in Lagos State,

Funsho Williams, was assassinated.

Only last year, Assistant Political Editor of the *Guardian* Newspapers, Bayo Ohu, was murdered in his residence by hired assassins and no clue till date has been found as regard the perpetrators of the act.

These killings further heighten the political terrain ahead of the 2011 general elections only a couple of months away with many more likely to occur especially with the inability of the Nigeria Police and other security bodies in the country having no clue of the brains behind these high profile murder cases.