

Gunmen kill oil magnate in Lagos

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UNKNOWN gunmen on Thursday killed Abdul-ganiu Adewale, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Golding Super (Nig) Limited; an oil firm based in Lagos State.

He was assassinated around 8.30 p.m. at Igbo-elerin in Okokomaiko area.

He was riding in company of his friend, Sikiru Okunlola, when suddenly the gunmen accosted them. His friend was said to have been ordered out of the vehicle while the gunmen drove

Adewale away in his Toyota Camry and later shot him.

They were reportedly went away with the car and N30, 000 as well as his bag containing vital documents.

Okunlola, who was said to be transfixed over the incident, later saw a passing police patrol vehicle that took him to Okokomaiko Police Station where he formally reported the case. General manager of the company, Abdul-ganiu Adejumo, explained that the death has traumatised the family and called on the Inspector General of Police, Hafiz Ringim, and Lagos State Police Commis-

sioner, Marvel Akpoyigbo, to help unravel the mystery behind the death.

However, Lagos Police Command could not confirm the incident as the command's spokesman could not be reached as at the press time. *Saturday Independent* gathered that the deceased is survived by two wives, six children; who are seriously in grief. The family members both in Amukoko and Egbeda areas of the state are said to still be in shock over the gruesome murder and are appealing to the police to bring the perpetrators to book.

High level criminality is a common thing once Christmas is approaching, mostly taking off from last quarter of the year.

It would be recalled that a lawyer was murdered around Tin-Can Port along Apapa-Oshodi Expressway last year October by unknown gunmen when he was going to work just as a radical artist, Olusesi Rufus, reportedly lost his wife and children to gunmen in Ibadan, Oyo State in mid-October also in 2009.

The criminals usually intensify their activities as the yuletide draws closer, thereby giving the police additional burden.