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How assassins killed Ondo farmer over land tussle

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AS a farmer, he owned a large expanse of cocoa farmland in Bolorunduro village, Odigbo Council Area in Ondo State.

Unfortunately, his death came through the farmland that served as his source of income for several years.

The deceased, 55 years old Taiwo Hamsat, *Saturday Independent* gathered has been receiving threat messages from land speculators and for over two years asking him vacate the farm land from land speculators in the area before he was murdered on the same land while he on inspection tour.

According to sources at the village, the deceased had fled the area for safety after he was attack two months earlier only to meet his untimely death last week while assessing the damage on his the farms.

The deceased was said to have been shot by some hoodlums after he was brought down while on a motorcycle popularly *Okada* but in the process a man identified as Waisu Murina escaped the hoodlums' bullets.

Murina, who reported the case to the police at Odigbo Divisional Police Office, was



•Taiwo Hamsat

later detained and transferred to State Investigation Bureau (SIB) at Igbatoro in Akure, the state capital, where he is still languishing in police custody.

Meanwhile a petition addressed by the deceased's lawyer to Ondo State Command copied of which is made available to *Saturday Independent*, urged the state police commissioner to take to bring the culprits to book.

The petition which was signed by S. I. Nwaja from Yinka Adeyosoye Chambers, in Yaba, Ondo pointed accus-

ing fingers to 11 persons over the death of the farmer.

The counsel lamented that an earlier petition sent to the Inspector-General of Police in October 17, 2012 was under investigation when his client was murdered in cold blood.

The petitioner urged the CP to carry out full investigation on the matter and bring the people behind the dastardly act to book so as to serve as deterrent to others who may want to take law in to their hands in future.

Solution to crime lies with deities