## Police Arrest Five PDP Leaders Over Death Of Party Chieftain

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**Lagos** – The Lagos State Police Command has arrested and detained five People's Democratic Party's (PDP) chieftains in the state for interrogation over the killing of Adeniyi Aborishade, chairman of the party in Apapa.

This was confirmed by the command's Spokesman, CSP Chike Oti, in a statement on Sunday.

Oti said what was supposed to be a peaceful political meeting of the PDP in the state ended in bloodletting.

According to the statement, "In a swift reaction, the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State, CP Imohimi Edgal, directed the Area Commander in-charge of Area 'J' Elemoro, to ensure the arrests of all those involved in the crime.

"Pursuant to the directive, five of the principal suspects were arrested, viz: Engr Kehinde Fasasi; chapter chairman, Eti-Osa LGA, Mr. Rotimi Kujore; PDP chapter chairman, Lagos Island LGA, Alhaji Fatai Adele; PDP chapter chairman, Mushin LGA, Mr. Ismail Abiola; PDP chapter chairman, Amuwo Odofin LGA, and Dr. Amos Alabi Fawole, PDP chapter chairman, Surulere LGA."

Oti said the five suspects had been transferred to SCIID, Panti, for further investigation.

The Police Spokesman also confirmed that the sad incident took place at about 6p.m. on Saturday at the Lagos State PDP Visitation meeting at Igbosuku village, Eti-Osa LGA.

The event was attended by Lagos State and local government areas PDP chairmen.

Oti said towards the end of the meeting, a row broke out between factions of the party; one faction was for the State Chairman, Moshood Salvador, and the other was for the Eti-Osa LGA chapter

chairman, Engr. Kehinde Fasasi.

In the melee that followed, the deceased was allegedly shot and injured on the leg.

Aborishade was considered the doyen of PDP LGA chapter chairmen in the state.

"He was rushed to First Consultant Hospital, Obalende, Lagos, where he was treated but eventually died. The corpse of the deceased is deposited in the hospital mortuary.

"Two other persons allegedly injured during the clash, are also receiving treatment in a hospital in Ajah," the Police Spokesman said.

He added that CP Edgal was worried about the use of firearms and the frequency of violence involving the PDP in the state, warning that no political party would be allowed to destroy the peace in the state.

He disclosed that the state police boss had called on all political parties in Lagos to disarm their members as nobody without necessary authorisation was permitted to bear firearms.

The state Chairman of the party, Salvador, had told *Daily Independent* that he had been on a tour of three LGAs on Saturday and had concluded his visit to Eti Osa and left when he received a call from the chairman of Eti Osa LGA who informed him that there was a fight and that Aborishade had been killed in the fight.

He said he was shocked to hear the sad news because the meeting that they had had was peaceful.

A source alleged that Aborishade was the authentic chairman of Apapa LGA whose name was on the list that came from the PDP headquarters in Abuja but that his name was purportedly replaced with the name of one Mike Kolawole.

The state chairman, however, explained that Mike Kolawole was the deputy to the deceased and not a replaced member as was being alleged.

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