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## Murder In Ikorodu: Five Suspects In Police Net

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**T**he operatives of the Force Criminal Investigations Department (FCID), Abuja, have arrested five suspects in connection with the murder of a land agent, Yemi Taiwo, who died on September 8, 2020, four days after he was abducted by his killers, along with Femi Animasaun who survived the torture.

They were abducted in the Isiwu area of Ikorodu.

The arrested suspects were identified as Ola Tijani, Michael James, Ahmed Kasumu, Unde James and Kose alias Sharp Shooter."

Daily Independent gathered that they were arrested after a review of the video of the torture incident that allegedly led to the death of the land agent.

The arrest of the suspects followed a directive from the office of the Inspector General of Police, IGP Alkali Baba, to FCID after following petition from the representatives of

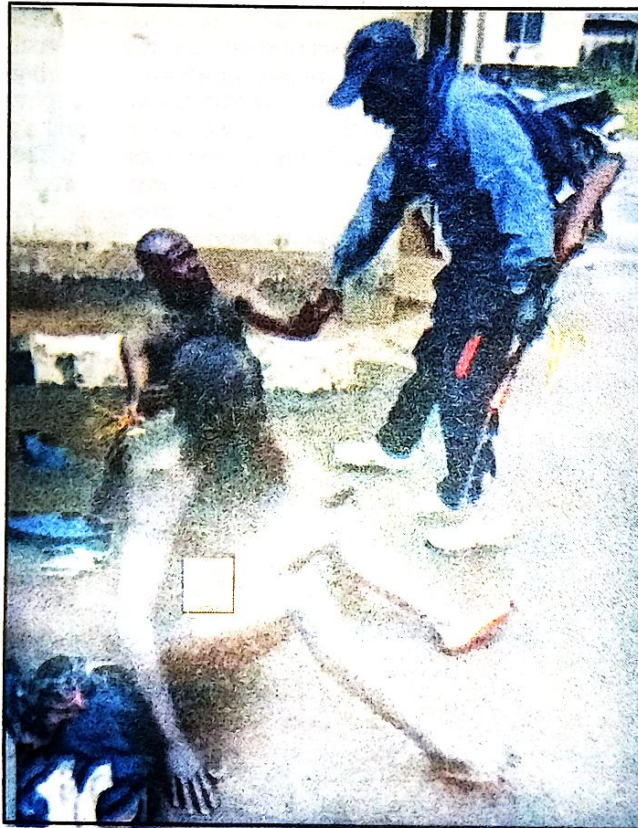
the survivor of the torture incident, Femi Animasaun, and the wife of the deceased Taiwo, Olabisi Taiwo.

The suspects were said to be some of those identified in the viral video of the dehumanising torture of the deceased and Animasaun, the survivor, inside the premises of Ikorodu North Local Government.

Meanwhile, the wife of the deceased and the survivor as well as their family members have raised the alarm over their safety following reported attacks and threat to their lives from suspected colleagues of the arrested suspects.

The duo of the deceased Taiwo and the survivor prior to the incident were said to be on their way to the former's site in Isiwu on September 4, 2020, when they were abducted, tortured, dehumanised and stripped, which allegedly resulted to Taiwo's death.

The survivor, who claimed that his life had been under threat, said that there had been attempts to kill him by those who saw him as an eye witness to the dastardly act.



Victims being tortured in a viral video by their abductors.

Animasaun said that he had to be taken away from the hospital, where he was rushed to for treatment following the

incident after it was uncovered that some people were trying to eliminate him.

The survivor narrated, "On the 4th of September 2020, Yemi and I were on our way to Isiwu to roof his house. When we got to the bus stop, some people attacked us and started beating us."

"They dragged us to the village and more people, mainly suspected cultists, vigilante members, palace boys, dragged us into the local government secretariat, stripped us and hit us with charms and other dangerous weapons."

The survivor also stated, "At a time, I was about to die, Yemi was stronger and he kept assisting me and lifting me up, whenever they ordered us to stand up."

He commended the Inspector General of Police Usman Baba Alkali over the arrest of the suspects and pleaded with the police boss to call for the arrest of other members of the gang.

He said, "I want to thank

the IG for arresting them. They have been boasting that they have a godfather in Ikorodu, who is sponsoring them and that they have top police officers with them.

"My life is not safe now. I had to be taken away from the hospital, because my people heard that they were planning to kill me, since I was the only witness.

The survivor identified other members of the gang as Isiaka Owolegbon, Rotimi Raji Akeem Tanimowo, Ahmed Tijani, Jimoh Julala, Abass Sido, Akeem Afini, Kayode Raji, Okemati Moshood, Opeyemi Raji Abu Hassan, Saeed Owolegbon, Mojeed Yejini, Taju Oji Waheed Taiku and Segun Arowolo.

Others according to Animasaun are Bello Kamoru Wasiu Sowemimo, Wale Ogunbela, Lekan Jabintin, Kareem Mabayoje, Adebawale Asebodunwa Waliu Gori, Bode A. K. A. Bodex, Dada Doyin, Taiye Kehinde, among others.

## Petrol Station Manager Dies After Being Found In Underground Tank

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UGHELLI

There was palpable tension in Ughelli, Delta State, after a manager of petrol station

But, a Senior Police Officer in the area, confirmed that the matter was reported, adding that the Police have deposited the corpse in the morgue.

The Police officer who does not want his name in