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Gunmen, Kidnappers On Rampage Nationwide

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1 Some armed men believed to be assassins have killed a former State House of Assembly aspirant under the umbrella of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Bayelsa State, Odeinyefa Ogbolosingha.

The bandits were said to have invaded Ogbolosingha's residence along the Imiringi Road in Yenagoa and shot him dead on Friday.

The 49-year-old victim, who contested the PDP ticket for the 2023 state Houses of Assembly election, was the younger brother of a former chairman of the Yenagoa Local Government

Council, late Michael Ogbolosingha.

He hailed from Kalaba community in the Yenagoa LGA and was also a member of the Okordia-Zarama Cluster Development Board.

It was learnt that Ogbolosingha's assailants had a couple of weeks ago sent him a message warning him and a contractor not to carry out a road project under the cluster board.

A source said, "They sent him a message some two weeks ago or so warning him and a contractor to desist from embarking on a road project by the cluster board in the community. But, he sublet the job. He has been a member of the board for some time."

"Now, yesterday (Friday), they have gunned him down in his house at Imiringi Road,

Yenagoa."

The Police Public Relations Officer, Bayelsa Command, SP Asinim Butswat, confirmed the murder of Ogbolosingha in a statement he issued on Saturday.

He said, "Police operatives responded to a distress call at about 1400 hours on Friday 22 July 2022 that armed men shot one Odeinyefa Ogbolosingha at his residence at Imiringi Road, Yenagoa."

"The victim was rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Yenagoa, for treatment, but was confirmed dead. Photograph and other evidence were taken at the scene. Investigation has commenced."

Five Killed In Plateau,

Kidnap Folloed

2 Also, armed men were re-

ported to have killed five people in the Fobur community of Jos East Local Government Area of Plateau State.

"This is even as the State Police Command foiled a kidnap attempt at the Jebbu Bassa community of Bassa Local Government Area and saved the targeted victim from being abducted."

The State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Alfred Alabo, in a statement in Jos, confirmed the two separate incidents, saying the Command would not relent in fighting crime and criminality in the state.

According to him, "On 22/07/2022, at about 2300hrs, a distress call was received by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Bassa Division, SP James Yakubu from a concerned citizen

that some unknown gunmen suspected to be kidnappers were operating at the residence of one Mark Inkasu.

"Upon receiving this report, the DPO mobilized his men and raced to the scene. On sighting the patrol vehicle, the hoodlums started shooting at the police personnel. Our gallant DPO and team engaged them fearlessly, the hoodlums escaped into a nearby bush with bullet wounds."

"The CP condoles with the people of Fobur town, Fusa village, and the families of the five persons who were killed by yet-to-be identified persons at Jos East LGA on the 21/07/2022."

"He assures the families of the deceased and the entire local government that efforts are on top gear to arresting the perpetrators of the dastardly act for them to face justice."

headquarters, which has jurisdiction over Gbede.

A source, on Saturday, said the man was kidnapped yesterday.

The source said, "The man is Dr. Rasheed. I only know the first name. Dr. Rasheed of 'Titilade Hospital'."

"The Chairman, Nigeria Medical Association (NMA), Oyo State, Dr. Ayotunde Fasunla, when contacted for reactions on the matter, condemned the abduction."

Fasunla, who informed that the kidnapped victim was not a medical doctor revealed that he only operated a private medical facility at the boundary between Oyo and Kwara States.

As Police Foil Kidnap Attempt, Rescue Eight In Kaduna

Meanwhile, operatives of the Kaduna Police Command foiled a kidnap attempt along the dreaded Kaduna-Birmnin-Gwari road and rescued eight persons.

The Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, of the Command, DSP Muhammad Jalige, said on Saturday that the operatives attached to Buruku Division, while acting on the directive of the Commissioner of Police, CP Yekini A. Ayoku, on rigorous patrols of all highways within the Command, had on July 21, 2022 at about 1530hrs intercepted a large number of bandits on a heinous mission between Udaawa/Buruku villages along Kaduna-Birmnin Gwari road.

According to him, the bandits forcefully stopped three (3) commercial vehicles, whisked away the occupants and headed to the forest.

He said the resilient operatives on sighting the gang of criminals, immediately engaged and gave them a fierce chase amid exchange of fire.

"The Operatives' courage and precision foiled the kidnap as the bandits fled into the forest with varying degrees of bullet wounds."

"Eight (8) victims were successfully rescued, namely: (1) Bilki Abdulkarim 'F' (2) Hanifa Abdulkarim 'F' (3) Rabiha Ahmed 'M' all of Birmnin Gwari while (4) Sabiu Yusuf 'M' (5) Aminu Ibrahim 'M' (6) Amina Abdulkarim 'F' (7) Aisha Yusuf 'F' all of Udaawa village of Chikun LGA Kaduna State."

"However, the eighth victim one Faridah Ahmed 'F' of Mando area sustained injury and was rushed to hospital for medical attention," he said.

Suspected Cultists Shoot Dead Osun Monarch's Son

Similarly, three suspected cultists were reported to have shot dead the son of Olofa of Olatodo in Osun State, Yimusa Okunoye, at his residence.

The killing reportedly occurred in the early hours of Saturday and, as the news of the incident spread, many aggrieved youths stormed the road leading to the community and barricaded it in protest.

A source in the community said the deceased had misunderstanding with the cultists who went to his house located within the area and called him out of his room, before shooting him in the chest.

When contacted, spokesperson for the Osun Police Command, Yemisi Opolola, confirmed the incident, saying police were on the trail of the suspects fingered in the crime.

Kidnap Hospital Owner

Barely a week after gunmen kidnapped a supervisor on the farm of a former governor of the state, late Adebayo Alao-Akala, in Ogbomosho, a medical doctor has allegedly been abducted in Surulere Local Government Area of Ogbomosho, Oyo State.

The victim, simply identified as Baba Rasheed, operated a private clinic, Titilade Hospital, located at Gbede in the Surulere LGA, was kidnapped around 9pm on Friday.

Sources said the man was abducted along the Ogbomosho-Ilorin road and that the matter had been reported at the Igbon Police Divisional



Kingsley Esiso, Chairman, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Delta State (left); Fred Obe, former chieftain of All Progressives Congress (APC) from Isoko North/leader of decamped APC members to PDP (second left); Ifeanyi Okowa, Delta Governor, Delta State (second right), and Speaker, Sheriff Oborevwo, Delta State House of Assembly, during the PDP mega rally at the Stadium of Delta State University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State on Saturday.

Alleged Cyber Fraudster Not Popular Politician's Relation

The Majemite Political Vanguard has reacted to an online publication over the arrest by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) at Enugu Zonal Command of 37 suspected internet scammers in Delta State on Thursday July 21, 2022, in different locations at Asaba, the State capital, following actionable intelligence on their alleged involvement in cyber-fraud.

In a press statement, Ovie Edomi, head of Media and

Public Communication, Fred Majemite Political Vanguard, noted that "One of the suspects, Majemite Simon, has been inadvertently linked to the Majemites, a popular name in Delta State politics whereas the suspect is not related to any member of the popular Majemite family in Ughelli, Delta State."

Furthermore, the media head, Majemite Political Vanguard, who is equal to the Publisher and Edi-

tor-In-Chief of South South International, noted that his clarification became necessary because the Majemite Political Vanguard of which Olorogun Barrister Fred Majemite, a Lawyer, two time Commissioner and grassroots politician is the arrow head and national leader, has been inundated with inquiries from home and abroad if the arrested person is related to the popular politician and recently a governorship

aspirant.

Besides, Edomi stated: "In this era of new media, people use the social media very widely especially political opponents to engage in character assassination while disseminating untrue stories about their opponents by peddling lies and negative propaganda. For those who may not know, such information could mould their public perception of such personality."