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Tension In Oyo Community Over Murder Of 24-year-old Man

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Tension has mounted in Labinkulu community, Moniya area of Akinyele local government area of Oyo State over the murder of a 24-year-old man identified as Abass Olatere by a 12-man gang.

It was gathered that the gang invaded the house of the deceased on Thursday at 9:48pm and butchered him to death in the presence of his wife and three-month-old son.

Our correspondent visited the area at the weekend and discovered that the community was tense as the residents gathered in groups to discuss the incident.

The deceased's wife, Omolayo Olatere, told newsmen, "We were together outside around 9:48 pm when they suddenly invaded our house. I don't know them, and my late husband had no misunderstanding with anybody before he died.

"When they came in, we quickly rushed inside the house and locked everywhere, but they broke the door and destroyed our windows to gain access.

"Before they gained entrance, one of the senior wives who was outside was mercilessly beaten and almost killed. When they came inside, they told my husband to cooperate by lying on the table in the parlour.

"As he did that, they started using dif-

ferent weapons such as daggers, axes, knives, broken bottles, and cutlasses to hit him, including charms to ensure that he didn't survive it.

"They were 12 in number, and three of them covered their faces. They used masks so as not to be identified.

"After they left, we quickly rushed him to the Cureland Hospital at Moniya where they later referred us to another place. But he eventually gave up the ghost yesterday (Friday). The case has been reported to the Divisional Police Station, Moniya." She explained.

Also, the deceased's father, Jelili Olatere, said he was yet to understand what happened because his son was a quiet person.