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## Pastor, Others Killed As Assailants Invade Ilorin

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Barely a year after they first surfaced and threw residents of Ilorin, the Kwara State capital into panic, a group of unknown assailants recently resurfaced throwing residents into another confusion.

As at the last count, about seven victims had been established death.

One of them is a police constable who was attacked on Saturday around the Flower Garden area of the city.

Another victim, a broadcast journalist with the NTA Lokoja, was reportedly attacked around the same vicinity a day earlier.

Police sources confirmed last night that he might be transferred to Abuja, considering the severity of his case.

Another victim is a female student with the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN). She was allegedly attacked on Saturday evening while on errand for her mother.

Another victim is Mr. Reuben Madamori, 60, and a staff of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital. Before them, a Pastor identified as "Abela" and two others, had been attacked also around Madamori's residence.

The Pastor was said to have died later. Parked outside his house yesterday was an old car covered with nylon.

Residents claimed his family abandoned the house after the incident. The police also confirmed receiving two distress calls on Sunday night about similar attacks along the UNILORIN mini-campus road.

When newsmen visited the Madamoris at their Ibudo-Iya, Asa Dam area yesterday, his wife, Ruth, expressed concern over his fate. Their fear, LEADERSHIP gathered has been compounded by the fact that the 60-year old man could hardly speak coherently after the attack.

As at yesterday, he was still managing to make sentences but having difficulty putting the pieces of his encounter together.

His wife said it was an improvement on what the family had experienced since last week Saturday when their breadwinner came home soaked in his own blood.

Madamori said his assailants descended on him at about 8.00pm around Offa Garage area on his way home.

They reportedly emerged from the dark and went straight for his forehead with their cutlass. "I went down immediately and noticed that two of them kicked me heavily on the sides".

They did not touch his phone but went away with about N2, 000.

Luckily for him, he said he regained consciousness after about 30 minutes and walked home unaided.

He was first rushed to a nearby hospital before he was transferred to UITH for better treatment.

Commenting on the incidents police spokesman, Dabo Ezekiel, said his boss; Mamman Sule, had put all men of the command on their toes to get cracking over the development.

The matter, he confirmed, was one of the highlights of the Monday conference the CP had with senior officers of the command after which he gave directives to the officer-in-charge of intelligence to find the culprits.

In his reaction to the alleged attack on residents in Ilorin through a press statement, the Kwara State Commissioner for Information and communications, Mr Ben Duntoy, said the government was committed to the protection of lives and property of the citizenry.

"We believe the police and other security agencies are capable of tackling the issue effectively. We advise people to continue to go about their lawful businesses without any fear of molestation" he said.

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