

Gunmen strike in Oyo, kill ex-permanent secretary

A FORMER permanent secretary in Oyo State, Mr Demola Oyadeji was yesterday gunned down by unknown gunmen suspected to be armed robbers. The retired civil servant and owner of Demoya Oil was felled by gunmen bullets in the early evening attack. Cash totalling N250,000 was also carted away in the attack at his filling station located opposite Alegongo Primary School at Akobo area of Ibadan.

Oyadeji was at the filling station at the time of the attack to conduct a routine visit. The man succumbed to death quietly as he did not struggle with his attackers, who were said to have visited the station on a motor bike. While the rider was said to have remained on the bike to keep the engine running during the attack, the man with the gun reportedly performed the operation in about five minutes and returned to a waiting

From Bisi Oladele,
Ibadan

bike that zoomed off immediately.

The incident was reported to the police immediately but the suspected robbers had gone before the team of police from Akobo Police station arrived.

Police Spokesperson Assistant Superintendent of Police Olabisi Okuwobi, who confirmed the incident to *The Nation*, described the attack as unfortunate, adding that policemen were working on different clues to the incident. She said arrests would be made as investigations go on. Okuwobi also said the incident looked like a robbery attack and assured that men of the command would track down the killers.

Demola Oyadeji served as permanent secretary in various ministries. He served under former governors Lam Adesina and Rasidi Ladoja.