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Youth leader killed as Ogun PDP crisis deepens

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From Ernest Nwokolo, Abeokuta and Ernest Nwokolo, Wale Adepoju and Oluwakemi Dauda

As the crisis between supporters of Ogun State Governor Gbenga Daniel and his opponents in the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) deepens, a musician, Alhaji Adekunle Adeboye, also known as Lobito, has been shot dead.

Adeboye, a youth leader in Ward 9, Ijebu North Local Government, was reportedly killed in retaliation for the death of the member of a rival group.

The crisis between the supporters of the governor and his opponents was said to have been fuelled by Mr Wakilu Kuku, a councillor from the Ijebu North Local Government who condemned illegal deductions of allocation by the state.

When *The Nation* visited Ago-Iwoye yesterday, most of the PDP stalwarts had gone into hiding for fear of possible arrest.

Anti-Daniel leaflets have flooded Abeokuta, the state capital.

The leaflets, it was gathered, were dropped at Ijemo, Ake, Ago - Oko and other suburbs of Abeokuta from a moving vehicle around 2: am.

The leaflets, signed by an unknown group called "Ogun Youth Umbrella," criticised Daniel, who it described as an "ingrate" for allegedly ill treating those who got him into power.

It was gathered that the police and the State Security Service (SSS) have been alerted and are probing the incident.

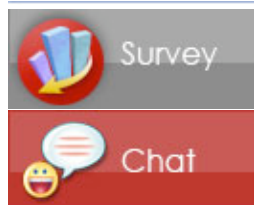
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