

# Deposed Oyo chief held for 'murder'

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**T**HE deposed Baale of Agudu in Oyo State, Moliike Ogunsanya, and two others have been arrested by the police for allegedly killing Saheed Ogundele (25) last Thursday.

Ogunsanya was deposed by the Olubadan and replaced with Chief Tajudeen Adeyemo.

Police spokesperson Olabisi Clet-Ilobanafor said the suspects, who are being held at the State Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in Iyaganku, Ibadan, would be charged to court when the police conclude their investigation.

It was learnt that the late Ogundele was on a motorcycle with two of his friends when a Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) parked in front of them.

Mr. Yemi Onifade, who was riding the motorcycle, said: "The SUV parked in front of us and its four occupants ordered us not to move. Suddenly, thugs overwhelmed us, wielding cutlasses and axes. One of them dragged Ogundele down from the motorcycle.

"We were still at a fix, when one baba (Ogunsanya), who sat in front of the SUV holding a gun, shot at us. I and the third person (Mr. Jide Adewale) ran into the bush. Later, we heard Ogundele crying aloud for help. When Adewale and I came out of hiding, we found Ogundele rolling on the ground and bleeding. We took him to Akanran Police Station and some policemen accompanied us to Bembo Hospital, where the doctor told us he was dead."

It was gathered that Ogunsanya and some members of the community were fighting over a parcel of land.