



## Unknown gunmen kill pastor in Ikorodu

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A 56-year old pastor, Isiaka Aikomo, has been shot dead by unknown gunmen in Adamo Community in Ikorodu, Lagos.

Aikomo, who hailed from Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, was killed on Monday near the fence of Babington Macaulay Junior Seminary School, on his way to a building site.

The late Aikomo was supervising the construction of a building owned by a woman simply identified as Omolara.

He was said to have been killed shortly after he left a tipper driver, Mr Olayiwola Oyekola, who owns a block industry inside Joy Estate at Lugbusi, Ikorodu.

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Oyekola, it was learnt, helped the late Aikomo to get the job.

News of his death threw the community that has been under kidnappers' siege, into panic.

Oyekola, who described the incident as "devastating", told *The Nation* how he met the victim.

He said: "I am just like a helper to *Baba*. We met in the church – Palace of Christ, Ikorodu – we were both attending then, and we maintained good relationship since then. He walked up to me one day and explained that he needed something to do as his pastor work is not fetching much. He suggested working with me. I decided to help him and asked him to be coming to my block industry and work as a site supervisor whereby he will be the one to hire labourers, supervise and collect money. Out of pity, I also promised to be giving him some money to help him with the family upkeep. He started working with us on May 9. It is barely a month and everybody likes him because he is so jovial and prayerful.

"We still spoke together the day he died around 1pm. I got him a site job. One of my customers had demanded to clear her site which I told *Baba* about. I advised him to get a labourer because I knew he will want to do it himself. That day before he left for the site, he told me he wanted to get some water to take along to the site for the labourer doing the clearing. I left him and went to sleep and that was how we departed.

"Around 4pm, I just heard noise and some people rushed to my house to tell me *Baba* is lying in a pool

of blood near the fence of Babington Macaulay Junior Seminary School. I rushed there and saw him lifelessly on the floor. I didn't see anyone with him. I only saw a bag of sachet water by his side. I got the contact of the labourer and I asked him to come and see what I saw. He was also astonished to see *Baba's* body.

"I later called a man who has a site close to the site *Baba* was supervising and because I saw his car parked few distance to where the incident occurred to ask him if he saw anyone. He told me he was driving when he sighted some guys with guns shooting coming from the river side in the bush and they were shouting "wey them, wey them". He said he quickly rushed out from his car and ran into the bush but he didn't see *Baba*."

Oyekola said the Imota Divisional Police Officer (DPO) and Divisional Crime Officer (DCO) later came to the scene.

"The DPO and DCO from Imota came to the spot. They found a Bible and olive oil inside *Baba's* bag. We later took *Baba's* remains to Ikorodu General Hospital mortuary. We are so sad we lost a dear person to the dearth of insecurity in Adamo. We are not safe here. We learnt the kidnappers who might be responsible for *Baba's* death were on a mission to collect a ransom over someone who had been kidnapped around Babington School. We equally learnt that the family of the person had informed the police in order to face the kidnappers. We presume exchange of fire between the two parties must have led to this. We call on the Lagos State Government to come to our rescue in Adamo," he said.

Joy Estate Community Development Association Vice Chairman Mr Kunle Adeleke said Adamo community was becoming notorious for kidnapping.

He said: "After the incident of the three girls that were kidnapped and rescued from the Babington Macaulay Junior Seminary School, three persons have been reported kidnapped in the same area and nothing was done about it. The school got police to man their school; they do not care about the whole community. That tells us we are on our own. We do not have police post in Adamo. There is no way we can get quick response from security operatives if we raise the alarm. It is that worse for us here. We want Governor Akinwunmi Ambode to come to our aid and help us clear the bush that leads to the river side these kidnappers come in through.

"It is unprofessional on the part of our police when we raise the alarm about any criminal act and they shy away from the strategic places they are supposed to man. The policemen that came since yesterday (Monday) were seen at the road side stopping cars and motorcycles indiscriminately. They fail to come into the estate where the incident happened. Insecurity in Adamo is high. Even at the local government level, they have not been doing anything to arrest the situation. We want the government to help us flush out evil doers in Adamo."

The late Aikomo has eight children from two women, but the first wife is dead.

According to Adeleke, "four of the children are in their tender ages. One of the older ones is in a polytechnic. We have been able to collect police report in order to tender it at the hospital to collect the body. We don't know if he will be taken to his home town in Oyo State but we will recover his body today (yesterday)."

The Olotu of Adamo community, who gave his name as Babatunde, urged the government to help secure the place.

"It is an understatement to say that we are not safe. Aside from not having police post, our road is not motorable. From Adamo to Agunfoye, it is so bad. We learnt it was abandoned because it is too long. We want the Lagos State Government to come to our aid. Our electricity is nothing to write home about. Our transformer got spoilt some months back. We just want to be recognised here as we are lagging behind. The security is very paramount; we want the government to help us with the challenge of every day kidnapping," he said.

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