

Assailants murder University of Ibadan professor



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• *Shettima condemns killing, commiserates with family, classmates*



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Unknown gunmen have killed Professor Opeyemi Ajewole of the [University of Ibadan](#).

Ajewole, who was a professor of social and environmental forestry, was killed at Olororo, Ojoo area of Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, at about 9pm on Monday.

The gunmen went away with his Toyota Corolla car. He was said to be on his way home when he was attacked.

A staff of the university who did not want their name in print confirmed the incident to The Nation, saying: "It's true. He was killed last night when he was returning home

at Olororo area near Ojoo. The incident happened around 9pm and they took away his car.”

The co-staff described Ajewole as a “pleasant person, humble and easy-going.”

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Adewale Osifeso, confirmed the incident. He said the Oyo State Police Command had commenced investigation, adding that updates would be provided according to progress made.

Condemning the gruesome murder of the renowned professor, Vice President, Kashim Shettima, described the news as shocking. In a condolence message he personally authored, Shettima commiserated with the Professor’s family and the university’s Master Class of 1990.

He said: “I received today the shocking news of the death of Prof. Opeyemi Ajewole who was gunned down by yet to be identified assailants.

“The late Opeyemi, a renowned Professor of Social and Environmental Forestry, was my classmate at the University of Ibadan and his untimely death just days after personally congratulating me on my swearing-in, came as a rude shock.

“I condemn the gruesome killing of Prof. Opeyemi, and wish to express my deep condolences to his family and the University of Ibadan Master Class of 1990. I pray for the repose of his gentle soul”, he wrote.”