

# GUNMEN MURDER OYO NURTW CHIEFTAIN, WIFE

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**THE prolonged factional crisis rocking the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) has assumed a frightening dimension with the gruesome murder of a man and his wife by yet to be identified gunmen.**

**New Nigerian** gathered that the man said to be a chieftain of a unit of the union at the New-Ife road park simply

identified as Mide met his untimely death last Sunday at about 2.30a.m when some gunmen allegedly invaded his rented apartment at the Alalubosa area of Molade in Ibadan during which he was allegedly asked to come out was shot dead by the gunmen.

It was learnt that Mide's wife on seeing the gunmen immediately identified one of them saying, Brother Segun, so you could do this to your friend, so you can follow them to kill your friend and the gunmen wasted no time in firing shots at the wife identified as Yetunde.

Our investigations revealed that the gunmen after waiting for some minutes to confirm the duo dead hurriedly left the scene as a result of the continuous cry of the three children including a three-month-old baby left by the deceased's husband and wife.

Addressing a press conference in Ibadan yesterday on the killing of the NURTW member together with his wife by the yet to be identified gunmen, the reinstated Oyo state NURTW Chairman - Alhaji Lateef Akinsola Tokyo asked the Inspector General of Police, Mr Hafiz Ringim to order immediate probe of the killing of the NURTW member and his wife.

Alhaji Akinsola stressed that there is the need for the Police

to investigate the alleged roles of one Segun and Fatai said to be prominent member of the opposing faction of the union.

The reinstated NURTW Chairman alleged that there are fresh plans by the opposing faction of the union to mark out some of their members suspected to be romancing with his faction, saying, the killing might not be unconnected with his alleged closeness to some members of his own faction.

"They saw in him as a traitor who should not be spared for having leaked their tactics and plans in the series of past attacks on the union secretariat at Olomi as the handiwork of Oyelowo and believed he must pay dearly for it. This is their thinking and such a barbaric act is not only ungodly but also condemnable; killing a fellow human being you can not create yourself," The said.

Speaking on the allegation by the reinstated Chairman, the sacked Chairman of the union, Alhaji Lateef Salako in a telephone interview said the allegation was unfounded, saying, 'how on earth could he, [Salako] or any other member of his camp ever contemplate killing a group member for no just cause.'

"Alhaji Tokyo, we got to know it on good authority has been boasting that when he kills our men one by one, we will not have anybody to call members of our own and you will recall that, just about four

weeks ago, Tokyo's men kidnapped three of my supporters and later killed them before we went there to carry their corpses to the deputy-governor of the state and later to the office of the Commissioner of Police at Eleyele," Alhaji Salako added.

The sacked NURTW Chairman pointed out that the Late Mide was a Park Manager and member of his faction, like those two men mentioned as suspects by Tokyo, maintaining that, "the duo did not know anything about the killing of the deceased.

Alhaji Salako however urged President Goodluck Jonathan, the Inspector General of Police, Mr Hafiz Ringim, and the Oyo Police Commissioner, Alhaji Baba Adisa Bolanta to set up probe panel to investigate the matter so as to bring the culprits to book, adding, that the police at Adenubi Police Station later arrested a driver of an abandoned vehicle with registration number of Ogun State, stressing that the arrested driver was, as at yesterday at Adenubi Police Station.

However, the Oyo state Police Public Relation Officer, DSP Olabisi Okuwobi declared that she was not aware of the incident and asked to be given time to find out from the Divisional Police Station in the area.

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the State Governor, Mr Segun Oni as there had been a test-running of the security alert system with mobile 50-Vehicles for the State Police Command to enhance performance in getting rid of crime.

On the state of infrastructure, he said that the Governor, Mr Segun Oni has done more than his predecessors put together in terms of the road network since the creation of the state, fourteen years ago.

"In terms of policy peaceful coexistence, religious toler-