Eko Bridge, National Theatre, Iponri surrounded by waste. PHOTO: SYLVESTER OKORUWA

Hoodlums abduct, kill LUTH consultant surgeon ...native doctor too

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A consultant orthopaedic surgeon with the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH), Dr Thomas Adekoya-Cole has been abducted and killed by yet-to-be identified assailants.

He reportedly met his untimely death on Sunday morning in his town near Itele, Ijebu-Ode Ogun State.

It was learnt that Adekoya-Cole, 60, was first abducted by some hoodlums before being hacked to death.

He was reportedly in the community for a social function.

He was said to have been dealt many machete blows until he surrendered his life.

The killing is thought in security circle to be a reprisal for the death of a native doctor, identified as Omotayo Ogunbowale.

Ogunbowale was reportedly stabbed to death during a ritual ceremony on Saturday.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Ogun State, Muyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the killings, adding that the corpses had been deposited in a mortuary.

According to him, "At about 4:00 a.m., we received information that some hoodlums went

to Akongi Street and attacked some traditional worshippers. On arrival at the scene, we met a corpse identified as Omotayo Ogunbowale of Odimore Ijebu Ode. He was aged 38 years and was stabbed to death. By Sunday morning, we got a call that the doctor had been killed in a reprisal attack at Itele, Ijebu-Ode."

Adejobi added that investigations were ongoing into the deaths.

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