

Police arrest 13 over abduction, killing of businessman, others in Ogun community

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THIRTEEN suspects who allegedly abducted and killed a businessman in Ado-Odo area of Ogun State have been arrested by the police at Zone 2 headquarters at Onikan, Lagos State.

The police had also begun investigations into the activities of the arrested suspects and others in the killing of dozens of people in Ogun community.

The suspects, identified as Jimoh Nasiru and Kazeem Abiodun, were arrested by the Zonal Intervention Squad (ZIS), a unit under Zone 2, after allegedly committing the act at Idolehin village in Ado-Odo.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the arrested suspects and 11 others had stormed Idolehin village with the intention of forcefully taking over a large expanse of land when they abducted the

businessman

It was further gathered that the deceased businessman, Musibau Saheed, was identified by the rampaging gang as a stumbling block to their mission, hence the decision to abduct him.

The suspect reportedly abducted the deceased businessman at about 2:00 p.m., on March 27, after they had attacked and killed a member of the police team that was sent to investigate the violence,

A police source, who pleaded anonymity while speaking with the *Nigerian Tribune*, said: "whenever the suspects killed whoever tried to fight them over the land, such a person body would be dumped in a well.

"Unfortunately, it was the killing of the businessman that gave them out."

One of the suspects, Nasiru, while speaking with the *Nigerian Tribune*, said: "we were sent by our leader to forcibly

take the land and kidnap the businessman who had been preventing us for gaining access into the community.

"When we got there, some boys from the community attacked us and I quickly tried to put a call across to our leader. What I noticed was that my colleague, Kazeem, and others had abducted the businessman, placed him on a motorbike and zoomed off."

A pastor of a white gar-

ment church, Wusu Jivoh, who was also arrested for allegedly preparing charms for the suspects, denied any involvement in the killings.

The pastor said that he was only staying in the village, and that he had no business with the leader of the gang.

The Assistant Inspector-General of Police in charge of Zone 2, Shehu Lawal confirmed the arrest of the suspects while speaking with newsmen on Monday.