

Gunmen murder APC chief after Islamic prayer session

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A leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Egbeda Local Government Area of Oyo State, Alhaji Babatunde Oreitan, aged 77, was on Wednesday afternoon murdered in his residence by unknown gunmen.

The unidentified gunmen, who pretended as guests, according to sources, waited patiently for the late political leader to complete his afternoon Solat prayer at his Oreimeji house before carrying out the dastardly act.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the unwanted visitors pretended to have come to see the late Oreitan for a community issue as they swooped on him.

Sources further informed that the assailants, after they had gruesomely murdered Alhaji Oreitan, left without any suspicion.

He was discovered lifeless in his house by a neighbour who noticed the hurried movement out of his apartment.

His remains would be buried on Thursday morning according to Islamic rites.

When contacted, the Police Public relations Officer (PPRO), Oyo State Command, Gbenga Fadeyi confirmed the incident, stating that three people assassinated Alhaji Oreitan, according to information from the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Agugu Police station.

Fadeyi further informed that the assailants attacked him in his resident, shot him and removed veins from his arm and leg as he bled to death. He added that the Commissioner of Police in the state has ordered full investigation to unravel the cause and his killers.

The APC in Oyo State has urged the state Commissioner of Police, Shina Olukolu, to unravel the killers.

In a statement by the party's publicity secretary, Dr Azeez Olatunde, the Oyo APC said arresting the killers was important for the state to sustain its toga of being among the safest in the country.

More worrisome, according to the party, was that the assassination occurred in broad daylight.

"What could be the offence of a 77 years old amiable politician, whom those close to him will attest to the fact that he can't even hurt a fly.

"APC is urging the security outfit in Oyo State to kindly unravel the identity of the heartless killer gang," the party's statement read in part.