

2 Gunmen kill 55-year-old ICT expert in Ondo, nine months after daughter's murder

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GUNMEN suspected to be assassins on Monday night invaded the residence of an Information and Communications Technology (ICT) expert, Michael Banjo Adesitimi, and killed him.

The incident occurred some nine months after his daughter was also murdered in his residence at Okuta Elerinla Estate in Akure, the Ondo State capital.

It was gathered that the gunmen arrived the residence at about 9:00p.m. while members of the family were about to retire to bed.

The deceased (55) was said to have opened the door for them, only for the gunmen to ask for the documents of a landed property from him, while an argument ensued between them.

Wife of the late ICT expert, Mercy, who was peeping through the window, saw and overheard her husband and the hoodlums arguing about a document.

She said: "The men [hoodlums] asked my husband 'where is the document?'"

She said it was during the argument that one of the assailants hit her husband on the head with an axe and said she had to run to the backyard to call for help, but by the time she returned, her husband was found in his pool of blood.

Also speaking, eldest son of the deceased, 29-year-old Atinu Adesitimi, who resides in Alagbaka, Akure, corroborated her mother's account of the incident.

He said: "She overheard the men asking my father, 'Where is the document?'"

My mum, who witnessed what was happening, took to her heels through the back door to our neighbour's house where she was able to call policemen.

"The policemen at the checkpoint, rather than follow us to our house to save the situation, took us back to their station where we wasted time.

"By the time my mum and the policemen returned to the house, my father was almost dead and he died on the way to the hospital."

He explained that "my dad had earlier told me that he was having a case of land dispute between him and some men who encroached on his grandmother's land and that the case had been in court for six years.

"That is the only document my father told me about, but an Ibadan court and the Ministry of Lands and Housing had already given judgment over the disputed plots of land in favour of my father last month."

He, however, lamented that his 19-year-old sister was also murdered some nine months ago by some men who invaded the residence looking for the original copy of the document of the seven plots of land in Ibadan.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Fumilayo Odunlami, confirmed the killing, adding that the police met him in the pool of his blood.

Odunlami said security operatives assisted the man but he died before getting to the hospital.

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