

# ③ Ibadan-based teacher lured to Lagos, murdered

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THE police in Lagos State have arrested three persons in connection with the murder of an Ibadan, Oyo State-based teacher, Idowu Hamzat (36).

Hamzat was killed at Eredo area of Epe.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the arrest of the suspects to the *Nigerian Tribune* on Monday.

Hundeyin also stated that the suspects had been

moved to the homicide section of the state police command.

The suspects arrested in connection with the murder were identified as Kazeem, Agbomeji and Omobowale (surnames withheld).

The police are also on the trail of other members of the gang who participated in the killing.

Though the circumstances surrounding the death of the teacher are yet to be unraveled, there are indications that he might have been lured to Epe to be killed.

A resident of Epe who pleaded anonymity while speaking with the *Nigerian Tribune* said: "Nobody knows the mission of the teacher in Epe. His parents even said he had not been to Epe before."

"A resident who saw them when they were killing him informed the vigilantes, who in turn reported to the police before the three suspects were arrested."

The source further added that: "It was through his [deceased] mobile phone and identification card that

he was discovered to be a teacher in a school in Ibadan.

"It was through his phone that the vigilante members were able to contact his parents, and when they came over the weekend, they claimed their son had never been to Epe before."

It was gathered that the killers had, after perpetrating the act, dumped his body in a bush at Eredo area.

The state police spokesperson said: "Investigations have commenced on the incident. Three suspects have already been arrested."