

Iyalode of Yoruba community in the North murdered, group seeks justice

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A socio-cultural organisation, Omo Oodua Community in the 19 Northern States and FCT, Abuja, has raised the alarm over the murder of one of its leaders, Chief (Mrs) Hadiza Adekanola, who was the Iyalode of Yoruba Community in the 19 Northern States and the FCT, Abuja, at her residence in Dutse, Jigawa State.

The group, which stated this on Friday in Minna, Niger State, in a statement

signed by the President General, Dr Adesokan Saura and Secretary General, Abdulazeez Salaudeen, asked the relevant security agencies to launch a quick investigation into the incident and ensure justice for the deceased.

In the statement, the group said: "With deep pains in our hearts, we the entire Yoruba residents in the 19 Northern States and FCT, Abuja, want to bring to your notice the shocking discovery on Thursday, 14th February 2024, the gruesome murder of our

Iyalode, High Chief Hadiza Esther Adekanola, in Dutse, the Jigawa State capital.

"Our preliminary findings revealed that she had a thanksgiving service on Sunday, 11th February, 2024. She was sighted last in her restaurant the following day, Monday, 12th February, 2024. Thus, her conspicuous absence in her restaurant on Tuesday, 13th February, 2024 and Wednesday, 14th February, 2024, led to our members to search for her whereabouts."

It said the futility of the search efforts led its members to seek the permission of the police authorities in Jigawa State to cut the padlock for access to her residence where her body was discovered.

The group called on the police to seek out the perpetrators of the dastardly act and bring them to book.

The deceased, an indigene of Kabba in Kogi State, it was gathered, lost her husband, an Osogbo, Osun State indigene, about a year ago.