Gunmen kill party members in Ekiti

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The Organising Secretary of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) in Ido –Osi Local Government Area of the State, Toyin Akinlade, was on Wednesday night assassinated by unknown gunmen.

Two other persons, who <u>were supporters of the PDP House of Representatives' candidate in Ekiti South Federal Constituency 2</u>, Femi Bamisile, were also killed the same day by people allegedly dressed in police uniform during a campaign rally at Omuo Ekiti, Ekiti East Local Government Area of the state.

The spokesperson of the state police command, Mohammed Jimoh confirmed the death of the assassinated PDP member. He said the police was investigating the matter with a view to apprehending those behind the killing.

Mr Akinlade, a wholesale distributor of beer in Ilogbo Community was killed at about 12 midnight at his home. A family source said the PDP leader was tricked out of his house by his killers, who posed as customers before he was shot and abandoned.

Family members alleged that the vehicle that conveyed the assailants to the town was also sighted in Iropora Ekiti, which is about 20 kilometres to Ilogbo.

Freed students

In a similar circumstance, five students of the School of Health Technology, Ijero Ekiti were yesterday freed after they were seized by people suspected to be kidnappers. The principal of the institution, Francis Ibikunle and a police spokesperson who confirmed the abduction, said a combined team of vigilante, the police and members of the Ijero Community effected the release of the students from the kidnappers, who were said to have abducted the students at their hall of residence at Ile Alarofin, along Ara road in Ijero Ekiti. The students, who are all females, are still receiving treatment from shock at a hospital.

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