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Robbers kill PDP chieftain in Osun

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A chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party in Ijebu-Jesha, Osun State, Chief Tony Osanyin, has been killed by suspected armed robbers.

Sources told our correspondent on Sunday that Osanyin was killed by robbers during a raid in his house as he was attempting to scale a fence.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Joshua Olayemi, who confirmed the development, said the perpetrators would soon be brought to justice.

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Investigations by our correspondent showed that the robbers stormed Osanyin's residence on Tony Osanyin Street in Jebu-Jesha at 9pm.

They carted away valuables in the operation and subjected occupants to psychological trauma.

Sources said after the robbery, the late Osanyin, who was above 60 years, was said to attempt to escape, not knowing that the robbers were still within the vicinity. He was shot in the process.

A statement by the Secretary of the Peoples Democratic Party in Osun State, Mr. Yinka Adeojo, described Osanyin as a

straight-forward party leader imbued with honesty, industry and foresight.

The party urged the police to urgently bring his killers to book.

The Deputy Governor of Osun State, Mrs. Olusola Obada, and PDP leaders in the state have paid a condolence visit to the family of the deceased.

NAFDAC alerts on fake imported wine

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THE National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control has alerted members of the public to the attempt by some unscrupulous traders to import fake wine from Cote d'Ivoire through Ejigbo in Osun State.

The Head, NAFDAC Office in Osun State, Mr Fola Adeleke, said this in a telephone interview with our correspondent on Sunday.

Some indigenes of Ejigbo live in the Frenchspeaking country.

He said the agency seized 56 cartons of fake wine worth N200,000 in 2006, adding that the arrested culprits had paid administrative charges to the NAFDAC.

Adeleke said Osun State was not under threat of fake drinks and that the agency had put the sale and production of fake drinks in control.

He said, "We carry out

consumer protection campaigns in markets, stores and firms. We are moving to the major markets in the state next year to check the effects of our campaigns so

"We expect our campaigns to have reached everywhere and yield more results.

"We expect every trader to be fully aware of the NAFDAC and its functions by 2007. The issue of foreign bodies in mineral drinks will also be fully checked in 2008 when manufacturing firms will be expected to comply with the use of plastic bottles.

"The compliance of the firms, traders and stores to the NAFDAC regulations is 95 per cent. We expect this to improve in the New Year.

"We enjoy the support of government and other stakeholders. The NAFDAC gets vital information about unscrupulous firms, traders from members of the public."