

12 students arrested for murder of PDP leader

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FORTY days after a chief-tain of the Peoples Democratic Party in Osun State, Chief Tony Osanyin, was murdered, the police have arrested 12 suspects in connection with the killing.

Our correspondent learnt on Tuesday that the police, in a rare feat, fished out the suspected killers of the late politician after his widow identified some of the suspects.

Osanyin, who was the leader of the party in Oriade Federal Constituency, was a member of the Osun State Independent Electoral Commission before his tragic end.

He was killed on the eve of last year's matriculation of the Osun State College of Technology, Esa-Oke, even as the assailants made away with his gun.

Some hoodlums had swooped on the residence of

Osayin at 1, Tony Osanyin Street, Ijebu-Jesa, raiding the household before killing the politician.

Nemesis caught up with the suspects when five students were arrested in Ijebu-Jesa by residents of the town, last week, following a violent clash.

Several students of the college reside in Ijebu-Jesa, a community bordering Esa-Oke.

A gun and 20 cartridges were found on three members of the gang arrested by residents, who embarked on a manhunt for student cultists living in the community.

The widow of the deceased, upon hearing that some hoodlums were caught with a gun, went to the Osun State Police Command in Osogbo to see if she could identify any of them.

When the suspects were paraded before her, she swiftly identified two of the three suspects as some of the hoodlums,

who killed her husband and robbed her household.

Upon further interrogation, two of the suspects confessed robbing the household on the fateful day but they said that the person that pulled the trigger lived in Ile-Ife, Osun State.

Detectives trailed the alleged killer to Warri. He was eventually caught on his return to Ile-Ife on Monday.

Also, the gun of the late politician was recovered from the suspect. Confirming the development, the Commissioner, Osun State Police Command, Mr. Sulaimon Fakai, said police were still digging for more facts.

He said, "Yes, we have arrested some of them and they have confessed to the killing of the politician. But we shall address a press conference on it tomorrow or Thursday. Please, be patient with us."