

Umar Yar' Adua and his running mate, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, the President insisted that they were chosen based on merit.

He said, "In the PDP, every Nigerian will have access to power, no matter where you are born, how you are born and your status in life because we look for the best wherever we can find them.

"We will look for track record wherever we can get it and we will look for achievers, wherever we can get them. The tickets we have put together are the best. We are not looking back. Nobody knows who will die tomorrow. Nobody knows. And here is my chairman, a specialist physician. He said it is only God who can know who will die tomorrow."

While making a vague reference to Abubakar's recent visit to the Alake, Obasanjo said there was nothing wrong with anybody visiting the Alake since the traditional ruler was expected to pray for all.

The President, who said he was instrumental to Atiku becoming an honorary chief in Egbaland, said, "When a particular man came here, he went to Alake and said that Alake should pray for him. Some people raised eyebrows and I

Unknown gunmen kill father of three

Akin Oyedele, Ibadan

UNKNOWN gunmen, on Tuesday night, attacked the Ibadan residence of one Sunday Onigboho, who the police declared wanted about a month ago, allegedly killing his 31-year-old younger brother, Taofeek Onigboho, in the process.

The older Onigboho was declared wanted by the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Sunday Ehindero, in connection with the violence that greeted the Peoples Democratic Party rally in Akure about a month ago, in which three people were killed.

A witness said at about 10pm on Tuesday, ten gunmen stormed the Sawmill/Olaogun area of Ibadan, where the Onigbohohs reside and instructed the occupants of the building to fish Sunday out or face dire consequence.

They were said to have hid in the surrounding bush from where they allegedly dared

Sunday to come out and face them.

He said, "They started shouting 'Sunday Igboho come out, your end has come, come out, let us kill you.

"We were later forced to run inside our houses when they started shooting."

By the time the gunshots receded, he said the neighbours started hearing the agonising cries of Taofeek, who they later found out had been hit by bullets.

The source claimed that the deceased's wife and three children had gone for a vigil when the attack took place.

The attackers were said to have retreated when policemen from Gbagi police station arrived on the scene and took away the lifeless body of Taofeek.

The Police Public Relations Officer at the state command, Mr. Olu Akinmoladun, confirmed the incident in a telephone interview with our correspondent.

Murder: Police hunt for suspected militiamen

Kunle Adeyemi

THE police said in Lagos on Wednesday that they were still hunting for a group of men believed to be members of an ethnic militia, who allegedly killed two men in the city on Monday.

Although the men had gone before the police arrived at the scene of the incident, men of the state Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, Yaba, who are handling the case, were said to have received much information about the suspects.

The incident happened at Ahmadiyya bus stop on Lagos/Abeokuta Expressway while

the men were allegedly driving dangerously to an undisclosed destination.

It was learnt that the men, who belonged to the Onikoyi unit of Orile Agege, were driving in a convoy of commercial buses including a Toyota Hiace bus with registration number XC 781 AGL.

An eyewitness said the men, in their recklessness, hit and ran over a commercial motorcycle operator and his male passenger.

While the two victims were still writhing in pain, the menacing men trooped out of their buses and descended on them.

The eyewitness said, "Peo-

ple around had thought that the men would come down and assist in taking the Okada man and his passenger to the hospital, but surprisingly, they attacked them."

Our correspondent learnt that the suspected ethnic militiamen drew their machetes and butchered the two victims to death.

Shortly after the men had left the scene, a team of policemen arrived and took the corpses to a public mortuary.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Wednesday.