

Assassins kill 70-year-old man in Oyo

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A prominent leader of the All Nigeria Peoples Party in Oyo State, Chief Lasisi Ayankojo, has called on the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Mike Okiro, to investigate the murder of a 70-year-old man, Alhaji Rashidi Atingisi, in Oyo town.

Judging by unresolved cases of murder in the town, he said that vocal leaders of the town were now living in fear over their safety.

The Public Relations Officer, University College Hospital, Mr. Kunle Atinwore, on Wednesday confirmed the death of the community leader who was said to be receiving treatment for gunshot injuries at the hospital.

The motive behind the killing of the deceased, said to be a notary public, was still shrouded in mystery.

An unidentified gunman was said to have shot at Atingisi in the abdomen on Sunday at his residence in Oyo GRA while relaxing with his family outside his house and disappeared into darkness.

The victim was said to have first been attended to at the General Hospital and a private hospital in Oyo before he was transferred to the UCH where he died on Tuesday.

Commenting on the incident, Ayankojo, an indigene and community leader in the town, said that it had become one too many in the historic town.

He said, "We now live in fear in Oyo because of the fact that cases of murder in the past, especially that of the Ashipa of Oyo, Alhaji Amuda Olorunkosebi, has not been resolved.

"We implore the IG, through the Commissioner of Police in this state, Mr. Bashiru Azeez, to fish out the perpetrators of these heinous crimes to guide against future occurrence.

"Everybody in Oyo town must also be on guard at this particular time, especially people like me that have been target of assassination in the past. We pray that God should expose the people behind these mindless killings."

Attempt to get the comments of the Police Public Relations Officer at the state command, Miss. Olabisi Okuwobi, was unsuccessful as several calls made to her mobile phone were not picked.