

Timber traders protest colleague's killing

TIMBER traders on Monday took over the streets of Akure, the Ondo State capital, protesting the killing of a prominent timber trader by some hoodlums who were believed to have been hired by another faction.

The protesters, who chanted war songs, passed through major roads and marched to the palace of the town's traditional ruler to register their anger.

The victim, who was the Chairman of the Timber Traders Association, Akure Zonal Area, Mr. Gabriel Ojo, was said to have gone to the Forest Booking Office at Oke-Aro area of the town to transact business when the hoodlums swooped on him and beat him to death.

He was killed in the presence of his son, Seye.

The vice-chairman of the association, Mr. Williams Atibioke, who spoke with journalists at 'B' Division Police Station, where the timber traders had gone to report the case, said that the deceased had gone to the office to get a log certificate when he met his untimely death.

Narrating how Ojo was killed, Atibioke said that the hoodlums had gone to the office to attack forest guards on duty because their sponsor claimed that one of the guards had given out his logs to another trader.