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Gunmen kill Ogun LG chairman's brother

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Gunmen suspected to be armed robbers on Sunday killed a brother of the Ifo Local Government Chairman, Alhaji Sikirulai Ogunde, and made away with his Prado Sports Utility Van.



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The deceased, Mr. Mukaila Ogunde, who was reportedly shot dead by the bandits, was said to be returning to the Abeokuta, Ogun State, home of the council boss from an outside engagement.

The hoodlums were said to have trailed the victim to his house in Adigbe area of Abeokuta, they attacked him as he was entering the gate of the building.

It was learnt that the two brothers had gone to Ibadan to visit their sick mother, who was hospitalised at the University College Hospital and had arrived the state capital late on the fateful day.

The local government chairman was reportedly hit on the head with gun butt while Mukaila was shot in the stomach and left in his pool of blood.

Ogunde, who was said to have been seriously beaten, was reportedly driven around in his SUV for about 30 minutes by the hoodlums before they left with the vehicle.

The deceased was said to have been assisted by sympathisers and rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Idi-Aba, where he was immediately operated upon but later gave up the ghost.

The Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Muyiwa Adejobi, who confirmed the incident, however, said Mukaila was not in the vehicle when the robbers arrived.

Adejobi, said, "The man was not in the vehicle when the chairman arrived the house. He only discovered that some men wanted to steal his brother's vehicle and tried to prevent them. That was when he was fired."

He confirmed that the local government boss, who was admitted on Sunday had been discharged from the hospital.

Suspected assassins had attacked the Chairman, Ijebu East Local Government, Mr. Tunde Oladunjoye.

A family spokesman, Mr. Dapo Ayoola, said in an online site, "Sikirulai (LG Chairman) is currently a public figure, the family would wish that we be allowed to grieve appropriately. "Tunji (deceased) has just been buried and his biological parents are yet to be informed of his death. Let all parents on this forum, please, bear with us and leave us out of the political and administrative wrongs in Ogun State at this challenging and trying times."

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