

Two policemen arrested over Ekiti killings

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TWO policemen attached to the Special Anti-Robbery Squad in Ekiti State have been arrested in connection with Sunday's killing of an Action Congress aspirant to the state house of assembly, Mr. Kunle Ayaga.

The two policemen, who were accused of shooting Ayaga to death during the 2010 Ogun Festival in Ilawe, were said to have been detained by the Ekiti State Police Command.

The arrest came as the wife of

the deceased, Feyisayo, also accused the police of killing her husband.

The widow, who granted an interview to journalists amid sobs, urged the police to fish out the killers of her husband and prosecute them.

She said, "This is the saddest thing to happen to me. I am very sad by this incident. They have turned me to a widow and made my children to be fatherless. I want the Inspector-General of Police to ensure that the criminals who did this are brought to justice at all costs.

"My husband was a very gentle, peaceful and well loved man, who did not deserve such a terrible death."

The father of the slain politician, who also urged the IG to unveil those who killed his son, accused the police of killing the young Ayaga. He said that the killing was politically motivated.

Residents who were at the scene of the killing had vented their anger on the police station in the town, killing two policemen on duty and injuring the divisional police officer.

The residents had alleged that a policeman attached to SARS deliberately shot at the deceased and escaped on a motorcycle.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Jimoh Mohammed, confirmed the arrest of the two policemen to our correspondent in Ado-Ekiti on Tuesday.

He also said that the injured DPO, who was taken to the University Teaching Hospital in Ado-Ekiti, was responding to treatment.

He, however, appealed to

members of the public, especially residents of Ilawe town, to wait for the report of the investigation the police was carrying out on the case before concluding that the suspects were responsible for the killing.

The PPRO said, "Two SARS men who were accused of killing the man have been arrested and detained. The command is investigating the case. Nobody can say now that they were responsible for the killing or that they are innocent until after the investigation."

While seeking the cooperation of the public to unravel the mystery surrounding the killing of the 33-year-old graduate of psychology from the University of Ado-Ekiti, the PPRO said that the command, since the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Kakwe Katso, assumed duty, had not been accused of a cover-up in any case.

The SARS men were said to have been brought into the town by a top official of the state government during the Ogun festival.

