

# Gunmen kill 83-year-old chief in Ondo

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**Peter Dada, Akure**

An 82-year-old man, Chief Dada Oyateru, has been strangled by some gunmen at his residence in the Oke-Ijebu area of Akure, Ondo State.

The wife of the deceased, Mrs. Titilola Oyateru, said the octogenarian, who was the Ayalodi of Akureland, was murdered on Tuesday by three armed men who entered into his room through the window after cutting the burglar-proof bars.

She said the armed assailants held the entire family hostage and asked the late chief to bring out money.

She said, "They pointed guns at *Baba* (Dada), demanding money which he purportedly brought home on Monday. He said he did not have any money at home, but they threatened to kill all of us."

Titilola said when the late chief could not give them money, the gunmen tied him with ropes and asked other members of the family to lie down and face the floor.

"After the bandits left, we discovered that they (bandits) had strangled *Baba*," she added.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Femi Joseph, said on Wednesday that the command had started investigation into the incident.

“We are on their trail and very soon the hoodlums will be apprehended,” he said.

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