

Ex-convict, two others nabbed for killing pastor

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The Osun State Police Command has paraded an ex-convict, Adeoye Sina, for allegedly killing a pastor of a Cherubim and Seraphim church in Ibadan, Oyo State, identified as Emmanuel Ogedengbe.

Also paraded alongside Adeyeye were Bakare Fatai and Bolanle Soladoye.

The state Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Ige, while briefing journalists about the suspects said Adeoye, who had served two years' jail term for being in possession of human wrists, connived with five others to kill Ogedengbe.

The CP said the suspect claimed that the pastor was his client.

Ige explained that Ogedengbe and his friend, Sola Adebayo, came from Ibadan on Sunday, May 5 to meet Adeoye, an herbalist, in Oba Ile – a town in the Olorunda Local Government Area of Osun State.

The CP said after eating a concoction prepared by the herbalist, Ogedengbe became weak and was later killed by some men working with Adeoye.

Explaining what happened on the day, Adebayo, who drove Ogedengbe from Ibadan to Osogbo, said upon their arrival in Osun State, Ogedengbe told him that the herbalist could also help him with ritual to boost his business.

Adebayo said he declined the offer, adding that Ogedengbe later left with some men for an unknown place, saying he became suspicious when the clergy did not return several hours later.

He stated, "I called Pastor Ogedengbe several times, but he didn't answer his calls. Adeoye advised me to carry the ritual prepared for me and follow him to where the pastor went to, but I said no. He put me on a motorcycle and asked someone to follow me there but I told them I was not interested.

"When I returned to Adeoye's house, he was not happy and he ordered one of his workers to follow me to where I would eat the concoction. He collected my car key when we got to his house. I lied to him that I wanted to go and eat and he returned my car key.

"That was how I managed to escape but the man he told to watch over me told him when I escaped with my vehicle. Three motorcycles were on my trail to Osogbo. They gave me a hot chase but I managed to escape."

Responding to questions from journalists, the prime suspect, Adeoye, who claimed to be an herbalist and farmer, denied asking his men to kill Ogedengbe.

He said Ogedengbe had approached him for help because there were no longer worshippers in his church.

He said, "I have known Ogedengbe for about seven years. He came to me for help because his church was not doing well. He lost his balance after he ate the ritual I prepared for him and drank a bottle of gin in compliance with my directive.



•The suspects

"One of the boys I asked to follow him to the river where he would have a bath suddenly brought out a machete and severed his head. I didn't ask them to kill him."

One of the suspects, Bakare Fatai, who was

with Ogedengbe when he was killed, said when the pastor became unconscious after taking the ritual, Adeoye instructed him and Ahmed Omonla, who is at large, to kill the pastor.

"I was looking for money to pay my thrift when Adeyeye called me to accompany the pastor to where he would eat the ritual. After the pastor finished eating the ritual, he drank the gin and became weak. Adeoye called us that we should kill him. It was Ahmed Omonla that killed him with a machete," Bakare said.

The third suspect, Bolanle Soladoye, said he did not know about the crime, but was only relaxing in front of Adeyeye's house when the incident happened.

The CP said three more suspects, who participated in the crime had yet to be apprehended, adding that all the suspects would be arraigned after investigation.

JAMB releases 2019 UTME results today, parades worker for fraud

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The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board said on Friday that the results of the 2019 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination would be released formally on Saturday (today).

The JAMB Registrar, Prof Is-haq Oloyede, disclosed this at the board's headquarters in Abuja, while parading a staff member of the examination board, Mr Adamu Musa, who allegedly collected N25,000 from an admission seeker in 2018.

Oloyede said the breakdown of the UTME results would be revealed at a detailed briefing on Saturday.

The 2019 UTME held between April 11 and April 18 in 698 computer-based test centres nationwide with over 1,886,000 candidates sitting the exam.

The board had said it was screening the UTME results for malpractices, saying 123 suspects had been arrested and were standing trial nationwide.

While parading Musa, a JAMB worker attached to the Information Technology Service, the registrar said, "He collected N25,000 for admission. So, we are not hiding anything. Even internally, we are doing scrutiny. Anybody caught will be dealt with according to the law.

"We had a meeting on Friday. So, we are releasing our results tomorrow (Saturday)."

Speaking with newsmen, Musa confessed to the crime, adding that he had refunded N10,000 to the admission seeker when the admission did not come through.

He said, "The person came to me for admission and I told him that I knew people who would help. I collected N25,000 from him. But it did not work. So I refunded N10,000. He was the one who reported to the registrar. The person I



•Oloyede

contacted to assist the admission seeker said they had already closed the admission.

"I apologise and I want JAMB to temper justice with mercy. This is the first candidate I collected money from."

One Bakare Damilola, who paid Musa N25,000, said trouble started when the admission did not come through and the JAMB worker refused to refund the money.

He said, "I am not the one seeking admission. I was sent by the father of the candidate involved. I came and explained everything to this man (Musa). I wrote the candidate's registration number down and he asked me to wait outside. Later, he told me it would involve money.

"The father of the girl, Mr Olaoye, who is based in Lagos State, sent the money to Musa's account and I have the teller. Mr Olaoye was desperate for the admission of his daughter because she had stayed home for eight years. Eventually the admission did not come through. We asked Musa to refund the money. He kept postponing and I reported him to the registrar."