

# Gunmen attack Oyo commissioner, kill driver

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**T**HE Oyo State Police Command on Thursday confirmed the killing of a driver attached to the Commissioner for Lands, Housing and Survey in the state, Mr Abdulraheem Abiodun.

The police spokesman, Mr Gbenga Fadeyi, told our correspondent that the fleeing assailants who attacked the commissioner at the Academy area of Ibadan, the state capital, also shot the police orderly attached to Abiodun.

Fadeyi said, "The incident occurred around 8.30pm on Wednesday and the police commissioner has directed that the fleeing armed men be apprehended.

"They killed the driver and also shot the police orderly attached to the Commissioner for Lands, Housing and Survey. They will be tracked and arrested to face prosecution."

A government source said the sad development would

be thoroughly investigated especially coming 24 hours after Governor Seyi Makinde launched 100 vehicles to aid security patrol in the state.

An eyewitness also told our correspondent that the commissioner and a team of sympathisers rushed the deceased to the Accident and Emergency unit of the University College Hospital on Wednesday night.

"I saw the commissioner making calls to the governor telling him about what happened to him and his aides. The governor ostensibly ordered the security adviser to immediately proceed to the UCH because it was not quite long after the call, that he (adviser) arrived.

"The motive behind this attack could not be ascertained "as these armed men after attacking the convoy reportedly took away the gun belonging to the wounded police officer," he added.

summit, pledged the agency's continued support for the state, particularly in the development of education, child and maternal health.

He maintained that the state government had, by organising the summit, put Osun on the path of greatness, as development partners across the globe had been given reasons to direct their resources for the rapid socio-economic development of the state.

"This is the first state to approve the social protection policy and law, the 332 primary health care centres across the state and so on. We congratulate the governor for the job, particularly in education, child and maternal health," Rene said.

In his opening remarks at the roundtable meeting, Oyetola, said the meeting was arranged with a view to deepening "existing collaboration, forge new alliances and unlock possibilities that will enhance the quality of life of our people and overall development in the state."