

Ogun welder dies after attack by hoodlums

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A welder, Sulaimon Ajayi, has been killed by suspected hoodlums in Ijegemo-Omilende, in the Ado-Odo area of Ogun State.

PUNCH Metro learnt that Sulaimon and some residents formed a vigilance group and were securing the community on August 5, 2020, when they were attacked by the gang.

Our correspondent gathered that the vigilantes had accosted two members of the gang around 12am and queried their movements.

The hoodlums, who were not pleased with the questions, reportedly called other members of the gang and attacked the vigilantes.

Sulaimon's brother, Dauda, who spoke to *PUNCH Metro*, alleged that the hoodlums attacked his brother with a machete.

He said, "We set up the vigilance group after a young man was killed and his body parts removed.

"Around midnight of this fateful day, we stopped a motorcycle conveying two passengers and asked who they were and where they were heading for at that time of the night. After we stopped them, we discovered that they were residents. But they flared up and said we had no right to query them.

"We were still talking to them when one of them hit me with his hands and we started fighting. My younger brother notified a community leader who came out and mediated.

"The man was still speaking to them when one of them called other members of the gang that they were under attack. Within a few minutes, over 20 guys with machetes, axes, broken bottles and charms invaded our compound and attacked us.

"We were outnumbered, so they dealt with us seriously. They used a cutlass laced with charms to hack Sulaimon in the head, while they hit my head with wood that had nails."

Sulaimon's wife, Aderonke, told our correspondent that the hoodlums fled the community after her husband died in a hospital.

She said, "I was sleeping when my husband was attacked; he was rushed to a hospital for treatment, but the doctors refused to attend to him till we got a police report.

"He was admitted for three days and discharged. Two days after he was discharged, his health began to deteriorate. His neck became stiff. He complained of a headache and began to feel numb in his legs and arms.

"We rushed him back to the hospital, where doctors and nurses attended to him. He was placed on a drip; the drip was still on him when he passed on.

“They turned me to a widow at 25 and made my children fatherless. I am pleading with the state government to intervene. I plead with the police to investigate this case and arrest the killers of my husband.”