

# Police probe Igangan farmer's death, say deceased not shot

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The Oyo State Police Command said on Thursday that it had begun an investigation to unravel the cause of the death of a 65-year-old farmer, Bashiru Akinlotan, in Igangan, Ibarapa North Local Government Area of the state.

Residents claimed that Akinlotan, whose remains were found about 20 metres from his farm, was strangled.

They added that the man's farm was burnt which made some of the residents to insist that Akinlotan's death was not natural.

His corpse was found around 5.30pm on Wednesday and after reporting the case to the police, he was reportedly buried at around 8pm according to Islamic rites.

It was gathered that the incident had triggered a fresh tension in the community.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Olugbenga Fadeyi, said there was nothing to show that the man was shot, adding that there was no mark of violence on his remains.

He said, “Investigation has begun into the incident. The family members confirmed that there were no traces of gunshots or piercings on the man’s body.”

The Secretary of Farmers’ Union, Taiwo Adeagbo, popularly known as Akowe Agbe, told our correspondent that he led those who reported the case at the Igangan Police Station.

Adeagbo said, “We met him dead around 5.30pm about 20 metres away from his 12-acre cocoa plantation. Bashiru Akinlotan was around 65 years.”

But the Commandant of Amotekun in Oyo State, Col. Olayinka Olayanju (retd.), said the man was not killed by herdsmen as being rumoured.

Olayanju said, “Autopsy would have revealed the cause of his death but his family has since buried him.”