

# Leaders preach peace as Ondo hunter kills herdsman in forest

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**A** Fulani herder, Muhammed Maikudi, was on Wednesday shot dead in a forest reserve in Ifira Akoko, Akoko South East Local Government Area of Ondo State.

It was gathered that the deceased was shot dead by a local hunter, identified as Seyi Sansere, while grazing his cows in the forest reserve.

It could not be ascertained if the incident was as a result of an altercation between the hunter and the deceased.

A source said personnel of the state police command and the state security outfit, the Amotekun Corps, quickly mobilised to the scene to retrieve the deceased's corpse and deposited it in the morgue of a government hospital in the local government area.

It was gathered that the suspected killer had been apprehended and was in police custody.

However, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Tee-Leo Ikoro,



• Ondo Gov, Rotimi Akeredolu said he had not been brief about the incident.

But the leader of the Hausa/Fulani Community in the state, Bala Umar, who confirmed the incident, said the suspect had been transferred to the state police headquarters in Akure for further investigation.

"We have appealed to our people to be calm because we know that the government and security agencies will do justice on the case," Umar said.

The state Commander of the Amotekun Corps, Chief Adetunji Adeleye, stated that his men had been working with the police to ensure that there was peace in the area following the incident.

The commander, however, stated

that the incident was not a case of herder-farmer clash as the suspect carried out the act while hunting in the forest.

"It was a local hunter, who shot dead the young herder. Our operatives were not involved. We have made efforts to ensure that there is peace in the community," Adeleye said.

## Command arrests association over

Oluwatosin Omojuyigbe

**M**EMBERS of the Professional E-hailing Drivers and Private Owners Drivers' Association have accused the personnel of the Lagos State Police Command of arresting some of their officials for organising a protest against ride-hailing firms.

Members of the association, which comprises drivers of Uber, Bolt and other ride-hailing firms, had on Monday commenced a one-

## over N500,000 bribe, cash recovered

from a citizen by some men of the command.

"Investigations ordered by the CP into the case led to the swift identification and arrest of the personnel involved.

"The sum of N500,000 extorted from the victim was recovered intact and returned to him and the



• Kuryas officers charged with misconduct in line with extant disciplinary

procedures of the force.

"While restating his resolve to stamp out extortionist tendencies among personnel of the command, the CP urges citizens to report any misconduct whatsoever by the personnel of the command to him through the 'X' Squad or the Public Complaints Bureau."