

# Missing Ogun cleric's corpse found in car, police say he was hypertensive

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Chief Imam of Atiba community in Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State, Sheikh Mushafau Bakare



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The body of a prominent Islamic cleric and Chief Imam of the Atiba community in Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State, Sheikh Mushafau Bakare, has been found in his car.

The cleric was declared missing by his relatives on Wednesday when he did not return home after an outing.

Bakare, who was in his 60s, was rumoured to have been abducted and killed by unknown persons.

Our correspondent gathered that his corpse was discovered inside his newly-acquired Toyota Highlander SUV early on Thursday in the Ikangba area of the Odogbolu Local Government Area of the state.

The corpse was discovered by police personnel attached to the Obalende Divisional Police Headquarters, Ijebu-Ode.

But, when contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, dismissed speculations surrounding the death of the cleric, insisting that he was neither abducted nor killed by gunmen.

Oyeyemi confirmed that the cleric was dead and his corpse found in his car.

He stated, "There was no mark of violence on the cleric's body, which was found in his vehicle.

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“There is nothing like gunmen or kidnapping in this case. The Imam left home for an outing and when he did not return on time, his relatives, who had been calling his phone without him taking his calls, reported to the police.

“Policemen on patrol around Obalende in Ijebu-Ode sighted the cleric’s vehicle parked by the roadside and discovered his lifeless body with his phone inside the vehicle.

“The information we have at our disposal is that the man was hypertensive; it is possible that the man had a crisis and there was nobody to render assistance to him at that particular time.

“There was no mark of violence on his body and the body was found in the vehicle.”

Meanwhile, the remains of the cleric were laid to rest on Thursday in his community. ”