

Villagers flee as Ogun monarch, three others burnt to death

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A traditional ruler in Agodo town near Papafantio in Ewekoro Local Government Area of Ogun State, the Alagodo of Agodo,

**kidnapped
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vigilantes and hunters, will come to the table to share intelligence that we have at our levels."

The lawmaker pleaded with all the security outfits to have synergy and be well-coordinated to enable them to cope with security challenges.

He warned against allowing the series of attacks on mining sites in his community, which had led to the death of many of his constituents, to escalate, saying, "If we are not proactive now, the issue of these mining attacks, God forbid, we make Plateau to become like Zamfara State."

Oba Ayinde Odetola, and his three friends were on Monday burnt to death.

Our correspondent gathered that the slain traditional ruler and three others were attacked by some hoodlums who are residents of Agodo village around 11am.

A source told our correspondent that the Oba was burnt to ashes with his car he brought into the town.

It was further gathered that the three others were also killed in the same car with the traditional ruler.

Our correspondent further gathered that crisis erupted when the late Oba was installed by the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Michael Gbadebo, in the village believed to be under the authority of Owu kingdom.

It was further learnt that

residents of the village, who are mostly of Owu extraction, rejected his installation, being an Ake person.

An elder sister of the late Oba, Chief Adenike Akintade, lamented the killing, alleging that the same people had killed the younger brother of the late monarch recently.

She said "I had just been discharged from hospital early this morning, only to start mourning the brutal assassination of my brother by 11am.

"Oba Odetola lost his younger brother to the imbroglia some months ago; the young man was butchered by the so-called hoodlums. Today, Kabiesi is no more, what a world!"

When contacted the Police Public Relations Officer, Ogun State Command,

Abimbola Oyeyemi, also confirmed the incident.

Oyeyemi, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, said the Commissioner of Police, Lanre Bankole; and the Special Security Adviser to Governor Dapo Abiodun, Mr. Olusola Subair, visited the town for an on-the-spot assessment of the situation.

The PPRO stated that the whole town had been deserted at the time of the visit.

He said, "Yes, we are aware. The CP has gone to the place. The villagers had left the village before we got there.

"The CP has directed the Homicide Section to take over the case and investigate the matter.

"Only one person was burnt. We don't know if he is an Oba or not."

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achievable and capable of disrupting the operations of the organised private sector.

He also called on the National Health Insurance Scheme to step in and provide lasting solution to avoid anything that would affect the operation of the health insurance programme in the country.

Ewenla said, "The gains of the national health insurance programme may be eroded by the over 400 per cent proposed tariff increment and threat to shut

down service on the private health insurance programme by the Association of General and Private Medical Practitioners of Nigeria if not quickly nipped in the bud by the NHIS, the regulator of health insurance in Nigeria.

"The proposal and threat are ill-timed, not achievable and capable of disrupting the operations of the organised private sector. The NHIS should step in and provide a lasting solution to avoid anything that will affect the operation of the

health insurance programme in the country.

"The AGPMNP should understand that health insurance is driven with the fundamental principles of pooling risks, pooling funds to provide defined health care services and majorly driven by defined volume of participants that are referred to as enrollees.

"It is important to mention at this point that Prof Mohammed Sambo, the Executive Secretary of the NHIS, came into the industry

with outstanding knowledge of the scheme, outstanding management skills and crisis management skills.

"But with the present challenges of increment of tariff and threat of suspension of service by Monday, January 31, 2022 by the health care providers for the private health insurance scheme, there is an urgent need for him to step into this and provide a lasting solution to avoid anything that will affect the operation of the health insurance programme in the country."