

Confusion as assailants kill, burn another Ogun monarch

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Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi

The Baale of Olowe Gbagura in Abeokuta North Local Government Area of Ogun State, Chief Akin Muhedeen, has been reportedly burnt to death by yet-to-be identified persons.

The incident occurred about one month after the Olu of Agodo, Oba Ayinde Odetola, was burnt to death in Ewekoro Local Government Area of the state.

Our correspondent gathered that the community head was believed to have gone out to observe the Islamic morning prayer (Subhi), when fire was discovered within his compound.

Family sources said the man was killed by some unknown persons, who they said broke a window to gain access to where he was assassinated.

They suspected that the assailants set the man on fire after killing him.

It was gathered that the deceased had a pending land-related case.

It was further learnt that he was recently arrested and arraigned for his alleged involvement in a tussle with some individuals claiming ownership of a land.

The village head, who was expected to appear in court on March 15, had reportedly commenced the amicable resolution of the matter before his death on Monday.

One of his wives, Silifat, while confirming the incident, said she was returning from the mosque around 6am when she saw fire billowing from their compound.

“When I saw the fire, I shouted, I didn’t know what was happening. I rushed down, only to discover that my husband was on fire, already dead. We later found out that a window at the back of the house was broken. We didn’t know

who killed him,” Silifat said.

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His second wife, Iyabode, said she slept in the same room with her husband, saying her husband left the room at dawn to urinate and pray as usual.

“He used to pray every morning, so he went out around 6am to urinate and prepare for prayer. After about 15 minutes, I heard my senior wife shouting, ‘fire, fire’. I rushed out to discover that it was Baale that was on fire. He didn’t go out with fire or matches. We don’t know who did this,” Iyabode explained.

The Seriki of Olowe, Chief Kazeem Dauda, while condemning the incident, explained that there was an issue between the Baale and some individuals.

The Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyeyemi, said he had not been briefed about the incident.

Hours after, Oyeyemi said he could not contact the Divisional Police Officer of Imala for details about the incident.

“I will call you back when I contact the DPO of Imala,” he said.

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