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Gunmen kill Osun APC chief, injure son

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AREGBESOLA Ogbara, son of the late chairman of the All Progressives Congress in Atakumosa East Local Council Development Authority, has narrated how gunmen attacked his father, Mr. Gbenga Ogbara, and shot him dead in his house in Igangan, Osun state, in the early hours of Monday.

The ailing son of the deceased, who spoke on hospital bed in a short video obtained by *The PUNCH*, said the perpetrators of the act lured his father out of his house and shot him repeatedly before he could escape.

He also said he was hit by a bullet following sporadic shooting by the gunmen.

"We just returned from the shop but my dad was in the house. I saw some people who rode motorcycle past us. When we got to the house, someone knocked on the door and asked for my dad.

"He went to the door, opened it and moved towards the gate. The people waiting for him outside brought out guns and before he could turn, they shot him repeatedly and he fell. The men continued shooting and I was hit in the hand," he said.

Osun State Police Command's spokesperson, Yemisi Opalola, said the deceased was killed in his house by some yet-to-be

identified gunmen.

She said, "He was killed in his home in Igangan. More details will be provided later but we have immediately commenced work to unravel the mystery behind the incident."

Meanwhile, the Osun State Government has ordered security beef up around the Igangan area to prevent breakdown of law and order as a result of the killing of late Ogbara.

A statement by the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Ismail Omipidan, also said the government has directed security agents to launch a manhunt for the perpetrators.

The statement read in parts, "As a government, we are resolved to do everything possible to protect citizens from actual and potential threats. To this end, we have ordered security beef up around the Igangan area.

"We have also directed security operatives to launch an extensive manhunt so as to fish out those responsible for the killing of the late APC chieftain.

"Government enjoins all citizens to be peaceful and to be law-abiding as all efforts shall be made to protect them and their property at all times."

Ijaw youths, security

Dele Ogunyemi, Warri

COMBINED security operatives from the Army, Department of State Security Services, the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps and policemen on Monday clashed with protesting youths from Ogbe-Ijoh community in Warri South West Local Government Area of Delta State as the governorship campaign team of the incumbent Speaker of the State, Sheriff Oborevwori, took their mobilisation campaign to the locality.

The aggrieved Ogbe-Ijoh youths, under the auspices of Ijaw Youth Council and Ogbe-

Ijoh Interest Defensive Forum, according to witnesses, had earlier in the day, staged a peaceful protest within the community to air their grievances over the prolonged boundary adjustment and continuous restriction of movement of Ogbe-Ijoh indigenes in the only Aladja/Ogbe-Ijoh access road, upon the gubernatorial campaign visit of the Delta Speaker to the area.

The PUNCH gathered that as early as 7am, the angry Ijaw youths had mobilised themselves towards the political campaign arena with placards to express their pains as regards the prevailing communal crisis between Ogbe-Ijoh and