

# Man in custody for allegedly

Dayo Oyewo

**T**HE Ogun State Police Command has arrested and put in protective custody one Kolawole Akinsanya for allegedly conspiring with hoodlums to beat his neighbour, Lukmon Ajibola, to death at Ilepa in the Ife Local Government Area of the state.

**PUNCH Metro** learnt that the incident happened on Monday, February 5, around 8pm.

A resident of the community who spoke to our correspondent on the condition of anonymity said that a goat belonging to the deceased strayed into the compound of Akinsanya and ate his dried yam. This was said to have infuriated Akinsanya who allegedly killed the animal in the process.

In his reaction, Ajibola was said to have confronted Akinsanya over his action which our source said resulted in an argument whereby the latter allegedly invited some thugs who went to

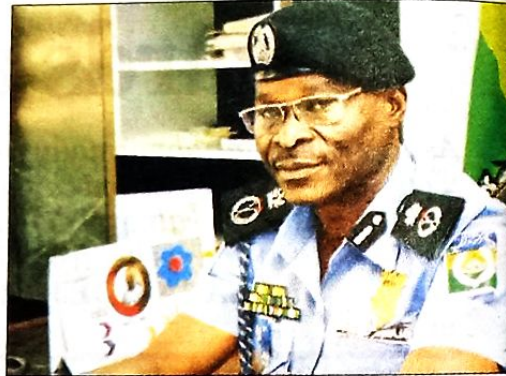
attack the former.

Our source said Ajibola became unconscious after the attack and later died in the hospital.

The resident who preferred anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the incident said, "Ajibola rears goat to support his motorcycle business.

It was around 4pm when one of his goats went into Akinsanya's compound and ate the dried yams he spread in the compound. When he came out and saw the goat eating it, he picked up the kid and beat it to death.

"Since they were both neighbours on the same street, Ajibola approached him and questioned his action. This led to an argument and Akinsanya called some hoodlums numbering about three who came and descended on him. While they were beating him, they also poured alcohol into his ears. Residents who rushed to the scene found him lying motionless and he was taken to Zion Hospital



•Ogun CP, Alamutu

in Ilepa for treatment and later referred to the State Hospital Otta on the third day. Unfortunately, he passed away at the State Hospital."

Our correspondent learnt that the family of the deceased was thrown into mourning as a result of the incident.

The suspect, Akinsanya, was also said to have been arrested by the police while three other accomplices were said to have fled the community.

A relative of the deceased who spoke to our correspondent while also craving anonymity, however, alleged that the police were trying

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daughter of the late "Joekin Jagwa" was arrested (37.8) grams; and methamphetamine

# killing neighbour over goat

to cover up the case.

The relative said, "The principal suspect is with the police. He has been taken to the Ogun State Police Command at Elewera, Abeokuta. His accomplices who are known as Chicago, Agbara and one ID are on the run.

Meanwhile, the colleagues of Akinsanya are presently mobilising funds to secure his release and make the police cover up the case. They are also trying to prevent the police from arresting the three others.

"Akinsanya had bragged that he would return the way someone who lived two streets away returned after killing another person in the same circumstance last year. Ajibola's poor widow, Aminat and her children are left to suffer unjustly because they are poor and have no connection. We want justice for the slain man and his family."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Omolola Odutola, while confirming

the incident, said efforts were ongoing to apprehend the fleeing suspects.

She said, "The suspect, Kolawole Akinsanya, has been arrested and detained.

Ongoing efforts are being made to apprehend other fleeing suspects."

## Fire guts N100m property in Gombe MOPOL barracks

Chima Azubuike

**A**raging fire destroyed goods and property worth N100m on Wednesday night at the Mobile Police barracks in Kwami Local Government Area of Gombe State.

**PUNCH Metro** learnt that property worth N25m were said to have been saved from destruction by the timely intervention of the Federal Fire Service, Gombe State Command.

The head of the command and Deputy Controller of Fire, Ayuba Jonah-Sule, made this known to **PUNCH Metro** on Thursday.

Jonah-Sule disclosed that his men swung into action upon the receipt of information that wildfire had sacked families at the PMF 34 Barracks.



•Gombe fire incident

He said, "Estimated property is N100m; estimated property saved is about N25m at the 34 PMF Squadron (Mopol Barracks Kwami Town) in Gombe State. It is a fire involving a 25-bedroom

compound. Covering an area of about 200 by 100 metres.

"Fire extinguished by the use of one medium jet of water working from FFS 193 and State Fire Service in attendance and Nigeria Police Force. Situation under control. But the appliance failed to start. Therefore, I sent for a diesel vehicle mechanic to come and check the fault in order to move the fire appliance to the fire station, but all efforts proved abortive.

"When we were about to leave, the vehicle developed a fault, and we invited mechanics to come and look into it so that we could recover it back to the station, but all our efforts proved abortive. However, we have communicated with Abuja for them to send an engineer because the vehicle is still under warranty and we have limitations to work on the vehicle."

Also, the Gombe State Police Commissioner, Hayatu Usman, confirmed the incident to **PUNCH Metro** on Thursday.

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# Kidnappers holding my husband

Ikenna Obianeri, Awka

**M**RS Eucharia Agbasimalo, the wife of kidnapped candidate of the Labour Party during the November 2021 Anambra State governorship election, Obiorah Agbasimalo, has told an Ihiala High Court sitting in Nnewi, Anambra State, that the two defendants,



despite Nwokolo's assurance that he would be released once we did not inform the police and at the same time paid the N5.4m ransom.

"In his statement to the police, Nwokolo wrote that his Investigating Police Officer told him that the first defendant informed him that the running mate to my husband paid N8m

## after N5.4m ransom – Wife

same meeting held at the Igwe's palace that the second defendant, Nwokolo, was given an initial sum of N2.5m. Although I did not see when Nwokolo collected the money from my husband's brother, it was my husband's brother that informed me that he had given it to Nwokolo as

he demanded. Nwokolo himself confirmed to me that he had received the cash."

After the cross-examination, the court at this juncture, adjourned further hearing till Friday, February 16 for the next prosecution witness to mount the witness box.

The LP governorship, Agbasimalo, was kidnapped on September 18, 2021 at Lilo community in Ihiala Local Government Area of Anambra State while returning from a political campaign and has not been found till date.

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