

# Disagreement turns tragic as assistant kills pastor in Osun church

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A pastor in charge of Celestial Church of Christ, Grace of Comfort Parish, Omitoto, Ile-Ife, Osun State, Moris Fadehan, has been allegedly murdered inside his church by a suspect identified as Lekan Ogundipe.

Ogundipe is said to be the second-in-command to the late pastor.

According to sources, it was the suspect who drew the attention of the people to the presence of the partly burnt remains of the pastor inside the church on Monday.

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that Ogundipe, after allegedly committing the act, ran to the house of the founder of the church, whose name could not be immediately ascertained, and told him fire was burning the pastor's body.

Our correspondent also learnt that a resident of Omitoto, where the church is located, was also told by Ogundipe that fire was burning the pastor upon arriving at the scene, observed blood on the dress of the suspect, and drew the attention of the founder of the church to what he had observed.

It was also gathered that the same man called the police, whose operatives deployed to the scene and subsequently arrested the suspect.

It was not immediately clear what issues between Ogundipe and Fadehan could have led to the murder of the pastor..

But a source close to the deceased said Fadehan had retrieved keys to the church from the suspect after he had allegedly assaulted a prophetess, following an undisclosed disagreement last Wednesday.

He said, "Assault on the prophetess occurred last week on Wednesday. The prophetess was in the church, and Lekan (Ogundipe) came around and met her. They had a disagreement. Lekan eventually assaulted the woman. He bit her, and that got the shepherd angry.

"Because of the way he acted, the pastor retrieved church keys from him. This past Sunday, there was a crisis in the church that almost disrupted the service. Lekan's matter was also part of the issues that caused the crisis.

"But on Monday, when the pastor arrived at the church, he was praying at the feet of the altar when someone pounced on him and attempted to cover his face with clothes. That led to a tussle. Pastor struggled to push the attacker away, and in the process, he got to know it was Lekan who attacked him.

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"He admitted that he usually conveyed the consignment to a dedicated warehouse located in Ayobo. That place served as a workshop where he would dismantle the consignment and remove the drugs from the machines. Thereafter, he would wait for a list of various recipients to be forwarded to him from South Africa by the head of the criminal group.

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