

Probe begins as Osun worshipper killed after mosque prayers

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The Osun State Police Command on Monday said a probe has commenced into the circumstances surrounding the death of one Monrufu Adebisi in Osogbo, the state capital.

The incident, which reportedly occurred at Church Street, Dada Estate, Osogbo, sources said, led to panic in the neighbourhood.

Adebisi, it was learnt, was coming from the mosque when some yet to be identified assailants attacked and killed him.

A resident of the area, identified simply as Kikelomo, while speaking to our correspondent on the incident, said, “I didn’t hear any noise. It was early, and many people were still indoors.

“But because school was resuming, some people who went out early could be heard speaking on the streets in our area. The man, Adebisi, was a known face in the neighbourhood. We were told he was coming from the mosque.

“A man who was said to be going to farm reportedly found the man in the pool of his blood and alerted the residents. We were all shocked. It led to panic. The matter was later reported at the Dada Estate Police Station.”

When contacted for confirmation, the Osun State Police Command spokesperson, Abiodun Ojelabi, said the incident was reported by a man going to farm, who found the deceased lying dead on the street.

Ojelabi added, “The incident happened around 6:30 a.m. today (Monday). One Mr Oyewole was on his way to his farm when he discovered the body. He was the one who reported the matter.

“The body was later identified as Adebisi Monrufu. The area where the body was found is called Church Street, Dada Estate, Osogbo.

“Immediately we got the information, we went there and evacuated the body. Our intelligence department is on the ground, sniffing around to know what could be the cause.

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“We are going to conduct an autopsy. We are assuring the people of Osun State that we will unravel whatever is behind the killing.”

The killing occurred at a time when the state police command was recording success against criminals in the state.

On September 11, 2025, PUNCH Metro reported that the police command arrested seven suspects over alleged armed robbery, attempted murder, and cult-related violence in Ile-Ife and Iree, recovering two stolen motorcycles.

The police spokesperson, DSP Abiodun Ojelabi, in a statement, said one of the suspects, 23-year-old Johnson Olagoke, allegedly lured two commercial motorcyclists to a secondary school in Ile-Ife on different occasions in August, where he and his accomplices beat them unconscious before stealing their motorcycles, cash, and phones.

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According to him, the first attack occurred on August 16, when the rider lost a motorcycle, N17,850, a Techno phone, and a handbag.

Two days later, another rider was struck from behind and dispossessed of his motorcycle, N10,650, and a Techno Spark 9F. Both victims were left unconscious.

“The first complainant stated that on August 16, 2025, at about 2000hrs, the suspect engaged his service that he should convey him to a school in Ile-Ife where he left his bag, unknown to him that two of his gangs were on standby inside the school waiting for him.

“Immediately he arrived inside the school, he was hit with a big stick continuously until he became unconscious and consequently, they carted away his motorcycle, a cash sum of N17,850, a Techno phone, and a handbag,” the statement added.

In another instance, Ojelabi explained, “On August 18, 2025, the same suspect engaged the second complainant and fraudulently obtained N5,000 from him and assured him to wait in front of the same school. Having turned back, the suspect hit the victim on the head from behind until he lost consciousness, and his motorcycle, a bag containing one Techno Spark 9F, and a cash sum of N10,650 were carted away.

“Through intelligence-led operations, operatives of the Anti-Kidnapping Unit arrested the suspect and recovered two motorcycles. The suspect has been helping with relevant information to arrest others at large.”