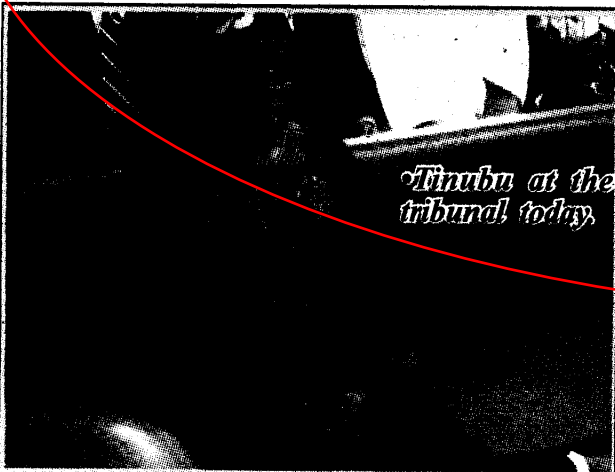


Shot Dead... Bullet Proof Charm Fails OPC Leader



*Tinubu at the
tribunal today.*

CYRIACUS IZUEKWE & DEDEIGBO AYODEJI

It was a sad end for Yisa Anifowose, the leader of the Odua People's Congress, OPC, at Shasha, Akowonjo, Lagos State, Southwest Nigeria, when his friend, John Taju, shot him dead while testing the efficacy of his newly acquired bullet-proof charm.

The charm could not prevent

bullets from penetrating into his body as he reportedly boasted before he was shot.

He slumped and died as a result of the injury he sustained during the shooting.

His corpse has been deposited at Igando General Hospital, P.M.NEWS for autopsy.

The late Anifowose was married and had six children.

Anifowose, 54, popularly called Baba Kazeem, was shot

in the chest by his friend and member of OPC, Taju, a one-eyed man. The suspect has been arrested.

The incident happened at the OPC tarmac, Zone 5, Orisumbare, Shasha, Lagos, the family home of the deceased.

P.M.NEWS gathered that Baba Kazeem travelled to his



The late Anifowose.

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Tinubu's Trial Runs Into Brickwall •Fireworks By Lawyers

NNAMDI FELIX/Abuja

A highly tactical legal firework stalled the commencement of the trial of former Lagos state Governor and National Leader of the Action Congress of Nigeria, ACN,

Asiwaju Ahmed Bola Tinubu before the Code of Conduct Tribunal sitting in Abuja.

No sooner the 3-man panel of the Tribunal walked into the court room signalling the com-

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3 Robbery Suspects Killed In Ajah •One Arrested

WOLE ADEBOYE

Three armed robbers were in the early hours of this morning gunned down by anti-robbery policemen from Ajah Police Division in Lagos, Southwest Nigeria.

Two of the suspected robbers escaped while one of them was arrested.

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Robbery Suspects

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A police source told *P.M. NEWS* that the robbers stormed Aden Estate, beside Abraham Adesanya Estate, Ajah, at about 1 a.m. today and attacked a businessman and his family.

P.M. NEWS investigations revealed that while the robbers were trying to gain access into the residence of the businessman, he hid somewhere and called his friend who later called the Ajah Police Area command and their divisional headquarters.

The anti-robbery policemen laid ambush for the robbers who ran into the ambush after their operation.

The police killed three of them, arrested one while the other two escaped.

The arrested robber gave his name as Kazeem Alao from Ikotankar Ajah. One of the dead robbers was later identified as Tunde Sanni.

It was learnt that Sanni had escaped from police custody while he was being taken for interrogation by policemen from Lagos about three months ago.

Items recovered from the robbers include one AK-47 rifle with ammunition, one U.S.-made brownie pistol with ammunition and one locally made pistol with several cartridges.

The suspect arrested has made a useful statement to the police at Ajah Police Division where he is currently being detained and undergoing interrogation.

Barber Shot Dead By Gunmen

DEBO ADEYEMI

A 28-year-old barber, Mr. Samson Adeyemi Togbobo has been shot dead inside his shop by unidentified gunmen.

The tragedy, according to an eyewitness, happened at the deceased's residence where the shop is also located at 19, Kunte Ogumbela Street, Odogunyan, Ikorodu, Lagos State, southwest Nigeria.

A source said the victim, popularly called Yemi, was busy barbing a customer's hair when the gunmen attacked him and shot him at close range. He died instantly.

When *P.M. NEWS* visited the deceased's family house where the incident happened at about 8 p.m. on Sunday, the residents of the area were mourning him.

The mother of the victim, Madam Togbobo sat down on the bare floor of the sitting room while sympathisers surrounded her.

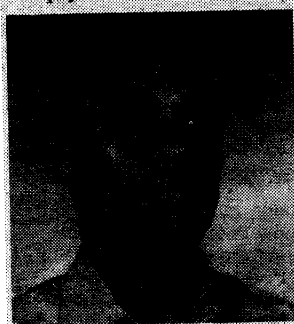
The late Yemi Togbobo was married and had two daughters. Neighbours described him as an easy-going gentleman who could hardly hurt a fly.

A community leader in the area, Hon. Mathew Adesanya expressed shock at the news of Yemi's death.

He said the victim was his barber and was a well-behaved gentleman who lived peacefully with his neighbours.

Adesanya prayed that God should console the bereaved family.

The incident has been reported at the Shagamu Road Police Station and the corpse of the deceased has been removed and deposited at the Ikorodu General Hospital morgue for autopsy.



•The late Adeyemi Togbobo.



•Campaign for Democracy and United Action for Democracy, at a rally this morning in remembrance of Chima Ubani, who died six years ago. PHOTO: IDOWU OGUNLEYE.

Trafficker

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and has an estimated street value of N15 million, Mitchell Ofoyeju, the NDLEA Head of Public Affairs, said.

"I am totally confused. I was deceived into the drug trade with a promise of making five times the money I invested. My intention was to start my business in a big way. Now, I have lost everything. I now understand why they lured me into giving them N5 million as my contribution to the deal," Chiafor lamented.

The agency said that the

ingested drug represents the highest quantity ingested since January 2011.

Chairman of the NDLEA, Ahmadu Giade, said that drug traffickers' hope of making money will continue to be dashed like that of Chiafor.

According to Giade, "one sure way to reduce illicit drug trafficking in the country is through arrest and seizure of drugs. This way, drug barons are made to forfeit their huge investment in the criminal act."

NDLEA said that preliminary investigation carried out by the agency revealed that the suspect attended Asa Road Pri-

mary School, Aba, South-East Nigeria.

He however could not further his education due to financial challenges. He later learnt how to repair vehicles for four years.

After a stint as an automobile technician, he started selling auto parts.

"It was greed that eventually pushed him into selling his family land to start his business in a big way. All that is now a fantasy as Chiafor who hails from Arungwa in Isialangwa area of Abia State will appear in court soon."

He is married and has a child," NDLEA said.

OPC Leader

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home town in Kwara State and acquired the charm popularly regarded as local bullet-proof.

On returning to Lagos, he was invited by his friends who are members of the OPC, to their base to celebrate his newly acquired power and the purchase of a new car by one of his members.

It was while they were celebrating that Baba Kazeem asked Taju who had a locally-made gun on him to shoot him to test the efficacy of the new charm.

Taju reportedly shot Baba Kazeem and the bullet tore his chest. He died on the spot.

His death threw the residents into confusion and his friends fled the scene.

Some residents of the area quickly locked up their houses and shops and relocated from the area to avoid being arrested by the police.

The matter was reported at the Idimu Police Station. But before the police arrived the scene, Taju had escaped.

Policemen at the station confirmed the story, adding that the suspect was later arrested, interrogated and transferred to the homicide section of the State Criminal Investigation Department, SCID, Panty, Yaba, Lagos.

"Investigation is ongoing in the matter," a source at the station told *P.M. NEWS*.

When *P.M. NEWS* visited the residence of the late Baba Kazeem at 12, Ejigbo Road Orisumbare, Shasha, Lagos, his wife, Hafsat Anifowose and her relations gathered in front of the house to mourn the OPC leader.

She lamented the death of her husband and appealed to the police to investigate the incident and bring the culprit to justice. "I cannot just stay and watch my husband killed like a chicken. The government should intervene and arrest those involved in his death," she cried.

A brother of the deceased, Adedeji Ajanaku, described the deceased as a courageous man. He called on the government to release his corpse to the family for burial in accordance with

Islamic rites.

Following the death of the OPC leader in this circumstance, *P.M. NEWS* talked to some traditionalists on the efficacy of the so-called bullet-proof charm and whether such exist or it is just in the realm of the imagination of the believers.

Dr. Bunmi Omosehindemi, Chairman, Lagos State Traditional Medicine Board said he has been hearing of the existence of such a charm but quickly added that he has not seen it.

"Some people say it exists but I have not seen it. I am a scientist," he said.

A traditionalist, Chief Samuel Oluwasola Dedeigbo, however, confirmed that a bullet-proof charm indeed exists, adding that it is not easy to come by.

"Bullet-proof charm exists but it is not easy to come by. On the OPC leader that was killed as a result of using the charm, the one they did for him was fake. He should have tested it first on an animal before asking someone to shoot him," he stated.

Senate Grills Musdapher

DESMOND UTOWEMI/Abuja

The Senate this morning grilled the Acting Chief Justice of Nigeria, CJN, Justice Dahiru Musdapher as part of his recommendation to head the judiciary.

The screening and confirmation followed an earlier nomination by President Goodluck Jonathan.

The new CJN was ushered into the Senate at about 11.21 a.m. following the suspension of

the relevant order of the Senate.

Musdapher answered questions on the integrity of the judiciary, the controversial appointment of non-performing judges, the criticism surrounding the suspension of the President of the Court of Appeal by both the CJN and the president as well as issue of capital punishment for corruption and other criminal activities. The CJN responded, saying the issue of low public perception of the judiciary in recent times could be blamed on the society itself.

He maintained that "the new public perception of the judiciary cannot be divulged from the downturn in the society at large. "Judges cannot be separated from the society they live in."

Musdapher blamed the integrity problem of the judiciary on the flurry of political and election cases in recent times.

He maintained that in every case one party has to win and the other has to lose. But the

loser in most times will never see anything right with the justice system.

While maintaining that the problem may not be as bad as perceived by the public, Musdapher reiterated his commitment and vision to carry out reforms that will help to salvage the situation and ensure a better judiciary. While relying on the advice by the Senate President that there should be caution in making statement on the suspension of Justice Salami, Musdapher stated that it will be inappropriate for him to comment on an issue that is already before a court of law.

Senator Victor Udoma Egba had sought to know from the CJN if President Jonathan and the NJC did not err in suspending the former President of the court of Appeal, Justice Ayo Salami. After responding to other questions during the screening that lasted 56 minutes, the new CJN was asked to take a bow and go.

Tinubu

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mencement of proceedings in the matter, than the Prosecution team led by Dr. Alex Izinyon, a senior advocate of Nigeria, applied to withdraw a pending 2-count charge filed against Asiawaju Bola Tinubu which had been several circulated in the media and sought to replace it with a fresh 3-count charge which are similar to those of the earlier charge but for the inclusion of a third count.

Dr. Izinyon confirmed that he just served the amended charge on the legal team of the former Governor right there inside the court.

Chief Wole Olanipekun, leading a legal team of 10 senior advocates of Nigeria comprising Oluwarotimi Akereedolu, Charles Edosanwa, Niyi Akintola, Dele Belgore, Prof Yemi Osibanjo, Kabiru Turaki, Ifedayo Adedipe, Deji Sashogbon, Dele Adesina and Femi Falana and other lawyers, for the defence of the former Lagos state Governor, while reacting to the application of Dr. Izinyon, told the court that the presence of Bola Tinubu in court today was as a sign of respect to the institution as he was not personally served as required by the law before his appearance.

The Presiding Chairman of the Conduct Tribunal, Hon. Danladi Yakubu Umar, complimented the former Governor for such an act, noting that since he was not personally served, he would have opted not to appear before the Tribunal.

He called on others to emulate the sterling behaviour of Tinubu who chose instead to appear and ensure that the wheel of justice is not delayed.

Olanipekun indicated that his team would not oppose the application to withdraw the earlier charge but requested that time be allowed for them to file similar preliminary objection which they had filed against the pending charge which is being withdrawn.

Having indicated that the defence team is not opposed to the withdrawal application moved by the prosecution, the Tribunal struck out the earlier charge and replaced it with the fresh 3-count charge.

That was as far as the matter proceeded before a legal hurdle was placed against attempts by Dr. Izinyon to get the new charge read to Bola Tinubu for his plea to be taken.

Olanipekun blatantly refused for his client to take a plea on the new charge, noting that they are challenging the jurisdiction of the Tribunal to try the former Lagos state governor. He told the court that it had to dispense with the issue of jurisdiction first before plea can be taken.

The senior advocate told the court that the defence team is contesting the jurisdiction of the court to entertain the matter as well as the competence of the charge which they said is defective and wondered how the court can compel one to take plea on a defective charge.

He specifically told the panel members that there is no known law which empowers them to side track the former governor's right to challenge their jurisdiction, more so since he, Tinubu, had raised his objections timeously as required by the law.

The panel members noted that they are for fairness to both the complainant and the defendant and observed that the issue of jurisdiction raised by Tinubu is crucial. Subsequently, the court acquiesced to the request of Wole Olanipekun to formally file their preliminary objections and serve on the complainant and adjourned further proceedings to 26 October.

Part of the new charge read, "that you Bola Tinubu, former governor of Lagos state, being a public officer and listed in part II of the Fifth Schedule to the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and having subscribed to the oath of office as contained in the Fifth Schedule of the constitution on assumption of office between 1999-2000 and while in office as such, engaged yourself in

the operation of several foreign bank accounts.

That you Bola Tinubu, former Governor of Lagos state, being a public officer and listed in part II of the Fifth Schedule to the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and having subscribed to the oath of office as contained in the Fifth Schedule of the constitution on assumption of office between 1999-2000 and while in office as such, misinformed Code of Conduct Tribunal by stating in the form CCB1 that you do not have foreign accounts contrary to section 15 (2) of the CCB and T Act, Cap C15, LFN 2004 as amended and punishable under paragraph 18, Fifth Schedule to the 1999 Constitution as amended.

Names and addresses of the banks where the former Governor allegedly operated the foreign accounts were copiously listed on the charge sheet. Some are as follows;

First Heritage Bank, Country Club Hills, Illinois, USA; Account Name, Bola Tinubu; Account Number-263226700.

Citibank NA- New York, USA; Account Name, Bola Tinubu & Compass Finance and Investment Company Ltd.; Account Nos-39483134, 39483396, 4650279566, 00400220, 39936383.

Citibank International New York; Account Name, Bola Tinubu.

HSBC, 177 Great Portland Street London W1W 60J; Account Name, Sen Bola Tinubu; Account No-71253670, SORT CODE-40-03-15.

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