

4 arrested over Rep's murder

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Three more persons have been arrested in connection with last Friday murder of a member of the House of Representatives, Hon Olusegun Oladimeji, a.k.a. Segelu.

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Oladimeji was assassinated at a relaxation joint at Ejioku town in the Lagelu Local Government Area of Oyo State by two gunmen who stormed the place around 9.15pm. His two aides and a lady friend were also injured during the incident.

Giving a progress report on the incident on Sunday, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Miss Olabisi Okuwobi, said three additional suspects had been arrested by detectives from the command, increasing the number of arrested persons so far to four.

Okuwobi, however, declined to disclose the names and other identities of the arrested persons, saying giving such information might jeopardize police investigations into the murder case.

"Assassination is a complex case and revealing the identities of those arrested may affect the course of our investigations. But I want to tell you that three other persons have been arrested by our team of detectives," Okuwobi stated.

She said the command had very strong clues that could lead to the root of the assassination and those behind it, adding that the command was closing in on the murderers.

Daily Sun reliably learnt that the Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) in charge of the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID), Mr. Taiwo Lakanu, had led a team of detectives to all the adjoining villages and town around Ejioku on Saturday and Sunday, gathering information from villagers and residents on the murder incident.

Oladimeji was a Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) federal legislator representing Lagelu/Akinyele Federal Constituency before his tragic end. He was said to have arrived Ibadan on Thursday night to witness the Friday sitting of the Election Petitions Tribunal over a case filed against him.

Mourners were still paying visit to the Segelu International Hotel and the home of the deceased located at the New Ife Expressway on Sunday to condole with the bereaved family members.

Meanwhile, the Action Congress (AC) has condemned the murder of Oladimeji, saying killing for whatever reason should be condemned by all right-thinking persons because it solved no problem whatsoever.

In a statement issued in Abuja Sunday by its National Publicity Secretary, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, the party also condoled with the family of the deceased, as well as the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives over the barbaric act.

It said politics should not be seen as a do or die affair, irrespective of the

ill-advised characterisation by supposed national leaders, adding that disagreements in politics or any area of human endeavour should be resolved in a civilised manner, instead of resorting to extra-judicial actions that can only worsen matters.

AC called on the police to do everything possible to unravel the killing, so that the culprits could be brought to justice.

AC said: “Unless this killing as well as previous high profile murders are solved and the nest of killers disbanded, those who believe they can solve problems by taking human lives will not stop.

“It is therefore imperative that the security agencies collaborate urgently to end this growing culture of mindless killing of innocent individuals.”

The party expressed hope that the offer of N10 million by the Oyo State government would not be another hollow ritual that has always failed to resolve past murders, adding: “This offer has not helped to resolve any murder in the past and it should stop because it is like placing a price tag on human lives.”