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From **Bamigbola Gbolagunte**, Akure

AN 82-year-old traditional chief in Akure, Ondo State, Dada Oyateru was yesterday murdered by suspected armed robbers at his residence.

Oyateru, who is the Aya-

lodi of Akure kingdom was allegedly strangled to death at his residence in Oke-Ijebu area of Akure metropolis in broad day light.

The wife of the late Oc-

togenarian, Titilola, who reported the incident to the police said three men broke into their house and held them hostage for about four

hours.

She said: "They pointed gun at my husband, demanding for the money which he brought home last night. He pleaded with them that he didn't have any money at home, but they refused to yield to his plea, threatening that they would kill us if we didn't give them money, and they eventually killed him."

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She stated that the deceased was to go for his routine medical check-up at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Owo, but could not because he had no money.