

Gunmen kill PDP councillor, 3 others in Oyo, Osun

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FOUR people, including a serving councillor, on the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) were killed by gunmen who were said to have shot them at the Ile Titun area of Idi-Arere, in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, yesterday.

The deceased councillor's name was given as Sulimon Ariyibi, from Ward 10, Ibadan South East Local Government. He was said to have been killed in his house at Ile Tuntun, almost at the same time two other people were reportedly killed during a campaign rally held by Hon Adigun Agboworin, representing Ibadan North East/South East federal constituency on the platform of PDP.

The deceased was reportedly attacked and killed in his house at the Ile Tuntun area, Ibadan, in the presence of his wife and children. The trio were said to have been confirmed dead at Adeoyo state hospital, Ring Road Ibadan.

The serving federal lawmaker, Agboworin, said: "I was their main target. We were on a campaign from Orita Aperin to Adesola, and when we got to the Ile Tuntun area, along Idi Arere area, I saw some APC members stoning us with sachets of water and stones. I told my people not to respond to them.

"But all of a sudden, I saw

few of our boys on bikes with blood and immediately I alerted the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Idi Aro Division and before I dropped the call, I was informed that a councillor serving under my constituency has been killed in his house around Ile Tuntun, while two of my people who were far back had been shot dead.

"This is really sad. This is coming a few hours before the election. The police need to act fast to address this urgent situation. Governor Seyi Makinde is a peace loving person. He doesn't want any violence in the state and he has instructed us not to respond to any form of intimidation or attack from any opposition party in the state. So, how could anyone attack us with guns and other dangerous weapons in the name of politics?"

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Adewale Osifeso, said: "We have received the sad report, and investigations are ongoing to unravel the situation that led to the development."

Meanwhile, the remains of the three deceased victims have been deposited at the morgue inside the state government hospital Adeoyo, Ibadan.

Also, the Osun State Police Command, yesterday, confirmed the killing of a businessman in Ilesa, Gbenga Okotore, by unknown gunmen.

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