## Adeleke orders probe as US-based Nigerian shot dead in Osun

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Osun State Governor Ademola Adeleke

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Osun State Governor, Ademola Adeleke, has ordered an immediate investigation into the killing and counter-killing at Ejigbo during the 50-year coronation celebration of the Ogiyan of Ejigbo, Oba Omowonuola Oyeyode Oyeyosin.

A United States of America-based Nigerian, Mr. Richard Idowu popularly known as Adeoriokin, was reportedly shot by a local hunter, and the hunter was also killed in a reprisal.

The incident happened around 8:30 Saturday evening after the anniversary of the monarch.

A source who spoke to our correspondent said the deceased was a chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

The source who identified himself as Afeez Lawal, said "When we returned from the event where the governor was conferred a chieftaincy title, we headed to Ejigbo for the 50th coronation anniversary of the Ogiyan of Ejigbo.

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"Immediately, after we left the party, we were almost set to go back to Osogbo, the king's son, Oyeyode Oyesosin said we should go to his house along Inisha road, that they wanted to do a brief meeting, so those that followed him home are Asalu, Timothy and himself.

"When he wanted to bid them farewell, the king's son ordered the local hunters to fire guns into the air, unfortunately, one of the hunter's guns was facing down, and instead of him firing into the sky, he fired the bullet downward, the bullet hit him on his leg, he fell before we could rush him to the hospital he loses a lot of blood before we got to the hospital.

"He gave up the ghost at the Baptist hospital in Ejigbo. It happened around 8:30 pm. He was a chieftain of PDP," Lawal said.

The source said he could not confirm the killing of the hunter but the state government confirmed that the hunter was killed.

However, Governor Adeleke has directed law enforcement agencies to investigate the remote and immediate causes of the incident and ensure that the law takes its cause.

"What happened today at Ejigbo is sad. I extend my condolences to the families of the deceased. I have directed an immediate investigation into the killings of Dr Richard Adeoriokin and the subsequent killing of his killer," Adeleke said.

Meanwhile, the son of the monarch, Eniola, who was said to have ordered the local hunter to shoot in celebration has been arrested and taken to the state Criminal Investigative Department, Osogbo.