

Osun Amotekun corps member killed in ambush, vigilante missing

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A member of the Osun State Security Network Agency, Amotekun Corps, Lamidi Abiodun, has been killed in an ambush by suspected hoodlums.

A member of the Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN), Nurudeen Alowonle, is still missing , while Alex Sola, sustained gunshot injury during an operation.

Findings showed that the incident occurred on Wednesday evening at the Papa boundary, Iwo.

It was gathered that the corp members responded to a distress call from local farmers operating in the Papa Farm area, Iwo, about an attack on their farm by hoodlums.

The spokesperson of the corps, Yusuf Abass, confirmed the incident yesterday.

According to him, “The farmers alerted the Iwo Area Command of Osun Amotekun Corps about an ongoing attack on their farmland. In a swift response, a team of Amotekun operatives, in company with members of the Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN), mobilized to the scene to confront the threat and safeguard lives and property.

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“Upon arriving at the location, the team was ambushed by a group of armed men allegedly led by a notorious criminal, Akeem Olofa, who has been a menace in the region

“During the confrontation, Abiodun was attacked. Although initial gunfire did not penetrate his body, he was brutally assaulted with a machete to the head and died instantly at the scene.”

He confirmed that Alowonle is still missing, while Sola was shot in the leg, saying that the tragic loss of Abiodun has sent waves of grief throughout the Amotekun Corps and the entire security community in the state.

“The incident has been formally reported to the Police in Iwo, and the body of the fallen hero has been deposited at a local Mortuary for further procedures. Investigations are ongoing, and efforts are being intensified to bring the perpetrators of this heinous crime to justice.

“The Osun Amotekun Corps remains resolute in its mission to protect the people and communities of the state from all forms of insecurity. We urge residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the appropriate authorities.

“We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Lamidi Abiodun and stand united in honour of his bravery and ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty,” Abass said.