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ACN chieftain attacked, five killed in Ile-Ife

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Tragedy struck in Ile-Ife, Osun State, at the wee hours of yesterday when suspected gunmen killed five persons after attacking the residence of a House of Representatives candidate, Mr. Rotimi Makinde.

According to reliable sources, the gunmen had stormed Mr. Makinde's house at Isale-Agbara, Ile-Ife, about 2 a.m. with sporadic gun-shooting. Mr. Makinde is contesting on the platform of the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN),

His two guards escaped from the house and took refuge in a Cherubim and Seraphim Church, two buildings away from Makinde's house. But their assailants pursued them to the church where they rained hot leads into them and three other persons in the church.

Those killed along with the guards were founder of the church, who was simply identified as Baba Akin; his son, Wale, and another yet-to-be-identified worshipper.

ACN Director of Research and Strategy, Mr. Sunday Akere, gave the names of the two guards as Ope (Acapela) and Taofiki.

The hoodlums, it was gathered, took the serenity of the night to also launch vicious attacks on ACN chieftains in the town, including ACN senatorial candidate for Osun East, Mr. Jide Omoworare; former Secretary to Ife Central Local Government and now a chieftain of ACN, Mr. Biyi Odunlade, and one Prince Felix Awofisayo.

Speaking with Sunday Sun from his hiding yesterday, Odunlade said his house was shelled by the hoodlums allegedly led by one Adedotun Adebawale a.k.a Mere. Akere also fingered Mere and Wale Ojo, both identified as aides to Omisore as those who launched the attack on Makinde and other ACN chieftains in Ile-Ife. But reacting yesterday to the incident, Omisore, who is also contesting for a third term in the Senate, absolved his aides of leading the attack.

He told Sunday Sun on phone that he was not aware of the incident as he was hearing about it for the first time, saying Mere was his Personal Assistant (P.A) and not a thug. "I am not aware of the incident. I am hearing about it for the first time from you. Mere is my Personal Assistant and he is not a thug. The attack should be traced to the ACN themselves. They have different factions and they are the ones attacking themselves," Omisore stated.



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