

We were ordered to kill, burn monarch –Suspect

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One of the suspects, Bolaji, arrested in connection with the assassination of the traditional ruler of Owo town in Yewa South Local Government Area of Ogun State, Oba Patrick Fasinu, yesterday revealed that he and others at large were hired to do the job. Bolaji was arrested along with the personal driver of the late monarch. Bolaji was arrested at Ogbo village, near Ipokia, while coming out of a swampy forest. During his interrogation before the Baale of Ogbo in Ipokia Local Government Area, Bolaji claimed to have missed his way after he and his gang murdered the royal father. The suspect, who described himself as a motor boy, claimed to have come from Ajangbadi area of Lagos State.

He also disclosed that those who hired them ordered the gang to kill and burn the remains of Fasinu. The suspect was later handed over to policemen from Ipokia Police Station before he was transferred to Ilaro.

The suspected assassins on Wednesday night attacked Fasinu on his way back from a meeting of Yewa Traditional Council at Ilaro.

The royal father had reportedly dropped off his driver along the way and was headed home in his Toyota Camry car when the assailants waylaid him on Ijako-Isagbo Road in Oke-Odan.

He was dragged out of the vehicle and hacked with an axe. The assailant allegedly bundled his body into the vehicle before setting it on fire.

The burnt remains of the traditional ruler were recovered the following day by policemen.

Speaking with journalists at the weekend at Olowo palace, the monarch's younger brother, Prince Olaolu Fasinu, described those who perpetrated the murder as 'inhuman and devilish.'

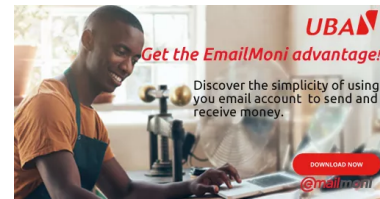
Olaolu disclosed that for almost 13 years since the Olowo was enthroned; there had been one crisis or the other in the town.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Abimbola Oyeyemi, said that the driver of the late monarch was arrested based on the claim that he was the last person that saw him.

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