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# How we abducted, killed businessman over land –Suspects



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Two men, Jimoh Nasiru and Kazeem Abiodun, have been arrested for allegedly kidnapping and killing a businessman, Musibau Saheed.

The suspects yesterday told the police that they abducted and killed Saheed because he had become an obstacle in their bid to take over community land.

Saheed was allegedly killed at Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government Area of Ogun State. Detectives attached to the Zonal Intervention Squad (ZIS), Zone 2 Command, Onikan, Lagos State, arrested the suspects.

Nasiru and Abiodun allegedly kidnapped and killed Saheed at Ido-Lehin village in Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government Area over a land dispute.

Items recovered from the suspects are five locally-made double-barrelled guns, four Pump Action Guns, 23 live cartridges, two machetes, one expended cartridge and different types of charms.

The suspects and 11 others invaded the community in order to forcibly take possession of the land, which they claimed belonged to them.

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Saheed, who allegedly used to prevent them whenever they come, was abducted and later killed.

The incident occurred about 2p.m. on March 27, 2019.

The community was divided along ethnic line. The Egun in the community were said to have declared war on the Yoruba, insisting that the parcel of land in question belonged to them. A police source disclosed that the suspects and some Yoruba, who supported them, had killed about 32 people, who challenged them over the land. This was even as a police team was sent from Abuja to investigate the matter. The marauders were said to have attacked the policemen, killed one and burnt their operational van.

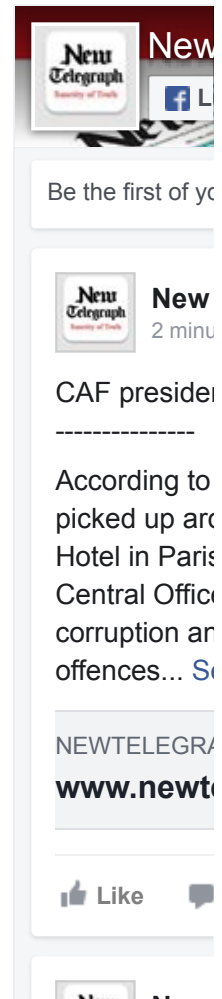
The source added: “Whenever the suspects kill anyone that tries to stop them from taking possession of the land, they would kill the person and dump the body inside a well. It was this present killing of the businessman that gave them out.”

Nasiru said: “We were sent by our leader, a chief, popularly known as Navy, to forcibly take possession of the land. He said that we should kidnap the businessman, who had been preventing us from gaining access. When we got there, some boys from the community attacked us. I tried to put a call across to our leader as this was going, but I noticed that my colleague, Kazeem, and others had abducted the businessman. They placed him on a motorcycle and rode off.

“Youths of the community overpowered us. We had been instructed not to shoot anyone, except the person that had been blocking us from entering the village. Sincerely, I didn’t know they were going to kill him. My thought was just that they would kidnap and torture him before he was released. Unfortunately, it was when I was arrested by the police that I knew the man had been killed.”

Narrating his own side of the story, Abiodun, said: “When I saw Musibau (Saheed) escaping from the scene of the clash, I went to him under the pretence that I wanted to rescue him. I took him on my motorcycle and left the scene of the clash.

“While we were going, I saw Owoyale and another person in his car. There was nothing



Musibau could do at that particular time. I handed him over to them and went away because that was what I was contracted to do. I was promised N100,000 to deliver the businessman. I have not even collected the money before I was arrested.”

Mr. Wusu Jivoh, a Celestial Church of Christ pastor in the community, was also accused of preparing charms for the suspects. The cleric, however, denied the allegation. He said that he was just a resident in the community.

The Assistant-Inspector-General of Police (AIG), Shehu Lawal, while parading the suspects yesterday at Zone 2 Command, Onikan, said that such lawlessness would not be tolerated in Lagos and Ogun states.

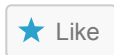
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