

Ibadan community raises the alarm over 'Badoo-like' killing



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Residents of Ogidi community in the Akobo area of Ibadan, Oyo State, have raised the alarm over recent indiscriminate killings of women.

The killings, according to the residents, are similar to the operations of a notorious deadly gang, "Badoo," which unleashed terror on residents of Ikorodu in Lagos about a year ago.

The residents said the dangerous manner in which the killings were carried out made them to send a "save-our-soul" message to Governor Seyi Makinde.

They urged the governor to send security men to the area to put an end to the killings.

Speaking on behalf of the community, the Chairman of the Landlords Association, Alhaji Asimiyu Adebayo, and the Vice Chairman, Mr. Ezekiel Oyedokun, said security agencies should beam their searchlight on the area to arrest the suspects.

According to them, the killing of a woman identified as Toyin Olajojo a few days ago in broad daylight in her residence by a man who allegedly used a stool to hit her and later used handkerchief to clean her blood has been giving residents of the area sleepless nights.

In a petition addressed to Makinde by the association, residents of Ogidi Estate off Olorunda-Aba, Yawiri Akobo, Oju Irin, Ibadan, said a suspect, Gbolahan, who was arrested in connection with the incident, was identified by an Okada rider who did not know the evil intention of his passenger.

"The suspect and the okada rider had a misunderstanding about the transport fare and this allowed the rider to observe the blood stains on his passenger. After dropping the passenger, the rider went back to where he had earlier dropped him only to see a cluster of people wailing.

"After the okada rider discovered a woman was killed, he identified himself that he brought the suspect to the place without knowing his evil intention," a resident said.

Residents took the rider to the Akobo Police Station where he spent seven days, but they later explained to the policemen that the rider was innocent.

"After his release, he searched the community and luckily, he identified the suspect who was later taken to the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCIID), Iyaganku."

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Gbenga Fadeyi, confirmed the incident.

He said: "I can confirm to you that the suspect has been arrested and he is being investigated by the Criminal Investigation Department. The suspect claimed that the woman was her mistress. After entering into the house, he raped her and in order to conceal his crime, he hit the woman with a stool. As soon as investigation is concluded, he will be charged to court."