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## Ondo: Ogboni leader's suspected killers arrested



Police yesterday apprehended two persons linked with the killing of a community leader, Chief Stephen Akinkunmi at Ore in Odigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State.

Akinkunmi, before his death, was said to be a leader in the Ogboni Fraternity in the South-West.

The Ogboni leader was allegedly killed on the premises of the Saint Stephen Hotel, Ore yesterday where his killers were said to have lodged.

The deceased was shot dead after he refused to enter his car as ordered by the killers.

The hoodlums were alleged to have driven the vehicle out of the premises to an unknown destination after carrying out the dastardly act.

According to a source, some documents and other items, including money worth N2 million, belonging to the deceased, were said to have been taken away by the assailants.

Akinkunmi's brother, Mr. Joshua Akindele, said the gunmen had logged inside the hotel for three days before carrying out the operation.

The victim's wide, Mrs. Toyin Akinkunmi, appealed to the state government and the security agents to protect the family of the deceased as she had been receiving threat messages from some people.

She said: "Some people have been calling us on the telephone, threatening our lives. We want the security agencies to help us arrest the perpetrators, we also want justice."

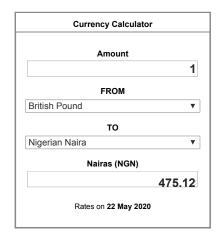
The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr Tee-Leo Ikoro, who confirmed the arrest of the two suspects, said the command had begun investigation into the incident.

He said: "We are after the other perpetrators and we will ensure they are brought to book."

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