

# Assailants kill man 9 months after killing daughter

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**A** 55-year-old ICT consultant, Michael Adesitimi, was on Tuesday night killed by unknown assailants at his residence in Akure, the Ondo State capital.

Adesitimi was hacked to death with an axe in the presence of his wife at their home in Olokuta axis of the state capital.

**B** The death of the deceased came nine months after his 20-year-old daughter; Ebunoluwa was gruesomely murdered in the same circumstances at the residence.

According to sources, the deceased were allegedly killed over land dispute.

Adesitimi's wife was said to have escaped through the back door after watching her husband hacked with an axe.

The wife had reportedly told the police that she heard the men demanding documents of the disputed piece of land in Ibadan.

The eldest son of the deceased, Atinu Adesitimi, said his parents were conscious about their safety after the death of his younger sister.

He said, "According to my mother who was watching the scenario through the window, she said she saw two people who forced themselves into the compound through the gate.

"According to her, their faces were not clearly seen because the place was dark. All that she saw was the gun in the hand of one of the men who escorted my dad back into the main building which was a little distance from the gate.

"She overheard the men asking my father, 'Where is the document?' My mum, who witnessed what was happening, took to her heels through the back door to our neighbour's house where she was able to call policemen. The policemen at the checkpoint, rather than follow us to our house to save the situa-

tion, took us back to their station where we wasted time.

"By the time my mum and the policemen returned to the house, my father was already dead. My dad had earlier told me that there have been a case of land dispute between himself and some men that encroached on his grandmother's land and that the case has been in court for six years.

"That is the only document my father told me about. Those who killed my sister were also looking for the paper of my father's seven plots of land in Ibadan which the court had already given to my father because he was in possession of the original documents of the land."

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer, SP Fumilayo Odunlami, said investigation has commenced into the incident, adding that "We can't tell how it happened or how he was hacked to death, as investigation is fully in top gear on the issue."