

# Election: Gunmen kill PDP Councillor, 2 others in Ibadan

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**A** councillor and member of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Sulimon Ariyibi, from Ward 10, Ibadan South East Local Government Area was yesterday shot dead by some political hoodlums.

The deceased was attacked and killed in his house at Ile Tuntun area of Ibadan in the presence of his wife and children. He was said to have been killed by people allegedly working for opposition All Progressives Congress (APC) in the state.

This is even as two other PDP supporters were also shot dead at a campaign rally around Ile Tuntun-Idi Arere axis of the city.

The councillor and two others

yet to be identified, were confirmed dead upon arrival at the Adeoyo State hospital, Ring Road, Ibadan.

Speaking with journalists at the Hospital, the lawmaker representing Ibadan South East/North East Federal constituency, Hon. Abass Adigun, confirmed the sad story, condemning the attack on his boys. He also alleged that it was APC boys that launched the attack on his boys who were together with him on campaign trail around Ile Tuntun-Idi Arere axis of the city.

He said, "I was their main target. We were on a campaign from Orita Aperin to Adesola and when we got to Ile Tuntun area along Idi Arere area, I saw some APC members stoning us with sachets of water and stones. I told my people not to respond to them, but all of a sudden I saw few of our boys on bikes with blood and immediately, I alerted the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Idi Aro Division and before I dropped the call I was informed that a Councillor serving under my constituency has been killed in his house around Ile Tuntun, while two among my people that were far back have been shot dead."

"This is really sad, this is coming a few hours before the election. The police need to act fast to address this urgent situation, Governor Seyi Makinde is a peace-loving person. He doesn't want any violence in the state and he has instructed us not to respond to any form of intimidation or attack from any opposition party in the state. So how could anyone attack us with guns and other dangerous weapons in the name of politics," he marveled.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer, SP. Adewale Osifeso, said, "We have received the sad report and investigation is ongoing to unravel the situation that led to the development."

As at the time of filing this report, the remains of the three deceased victims have been deposited at the morgue at the state government hospital Adeoyo.

## tasks community, gender equity

and other Harmful Practices (HP).

According to him, the training provided an opportunity for participants to share thoughts on gender equity norms as well as actions needed to reduce violence against women and girls, drawing inferences from the various communities within the area.

Musa described poor understanding, culture, and compromise as challenges to tackling the aforementioned factors in the communities.

In his presentation, the Lead Facilitator, Dr Mansur Isa-Buhari, dwelt on different forms of violence against women and girls from psychological, verbal, physical, emotional and economic happening in our societies.

Isa-Buhari, from Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, spoke on the categories of gender-based violence, its prevalence, the consequences, policies and laws, as well as referral pathways.

According to him, the challenges of discriminatory attitudes and behaviours towards the female gender in the society are detrimental to women and girls especially in relation to domestic duties and education.