

Funso Williams: Police Intensify Manhunt for Killers

• Ogunlewe still in custody • Metropolitan police coming

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Thursday morning. The police high command had yesterday constituted a high-powered investigation team, headed by the Deputy Inspector General of Police

(DIG) in charge of Force Criminal Investigation Department (FCID), Mr. Ogonnaya Onovo.

The investigation team, which arrived in Lagos yes-

terday afternoon, is expected to find the late politician's killer "at a specified time and period." The detectives spent most of yesterday meticulously combing the home of the late politician. Onovo led other members to interrogate

some of the late politician's family, friends, and associates. The Police had earlier yesterday arrested four of Williams' aides. A police source told THISDAY that the arrested politician's aides had given the police "very

useful information." The source also said that the Police had contacted the British Metropolitan Police, to help in the search for the killers. "The British detectives are expected to arrive Lagos

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Lebanon: Bush, Blair Seek Multinational Force

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BUILDER
and his
Dream

United States President, George Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Friday that a multinational force should be immediately dispatched to south Lebanon to help end the conflict.

Bush, who met with Blair in Washington, told reporters that they will seek a United Nations resolution next week mandating the use of a multinational force in the region. He said the resolution should provide a "framework for the cessation of hostilities on an urgent basis."

"We want a Lebanon free of militias and foreign interference, and a Lebanon that governs its own destiny," Bush said.

When asked about the number of troops, and who would lead the force, Bush said the details still need to be worked out.

Blair said the troops would be used to bolster the Lebanese army, which has been unable to control the Lebanese-based militant group Hezbollah.

Blair said the crisis stems from two years of Hezbollah ignoring UN Security Council resolution 1559, which called on militias in the area of southern Lebanon to disarm. He said the militant group has instead been arming itself.

"Nothing will work,

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any moment from now"

Inspector General of Police (IG), Mr. Sunday Ehindero, accompanied by Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) in charge of Zone 2 Headquarters, Lagos and Lagos State Commissioner of Police (CP), Mr. Emmanuel Adebayo, were at the residence of the late gubernatorial aspirants to monitor the investigation. Ehindero promised to get to the root of the problem and assured Nigerians of the police resolve to ensure the killers did not go unpunished.

A police source confirmed to THISDAY last night that Adeseye Ogunlewe, former minister of works and a PDP gubernatorial aspirant in Lagos State was picked up for questioning on Thursday and that he was still in police custody. "He was arrested in connection with the crime. The police is also considering picking up other PDP aspirants in the state" the source told THISDAY.

Meanwhile, Governor Bola Tinubu, of Lagos State has promised the family of the late politician of the state government's support in securing an independent DNA expert to unravel the circumstances surrounding his death.

Tinubu made this promise yesterday during a condolence visit to the family. "We are ready to work with the family; we must do everything to prevent future recurrence of the dastardly act."

He was received by the

elder brother of the deceased, Brigadier-General Femi Williams.

Tinubu cautioned on political violence and its multiplier effect which he noted would be detrimental to the nation's democracy and the harvesting of great leaders for the country.

Speaking in an emotion laden voice, the governor ceaselessly rained curses on the killers of the astute politician, "his killers will never know peace, because those who live by the sword shall die by the sword."

Said he, "if we engage in violence, good people and great leaders would not join politics; certainly, we shall need them for states and nation's growth."

"I have told the IG yesterday that the outcry of the sympathizers is necessary, but what about the security of the family? We don't want anybody to alter any available evidence, anybody under the pretence of solidarity can unleash any mischief," he stressed.

Having extolled the virtues of late Williams, Tinubu prayed for God's guidance and fortitude for the family to bear the irreparable loss.

The governor described the killers and their sponsors as cowards.

Governor Tinubu. He said it was cowardly that the perpetrators decided to hide behind the cloak of anonymity to commit the crime.

He added that what they have succeeded in killing is the physical being of Funso

Williams and not the carriage and style that he has brought into the political scene since he joined.

Asiwaju Tinubu described Late Engineer Williams as a non-violent politician who preferred to use issues to trade tackles with his political opponents rather than violence.

Brigadier-General Femi

a contractor and owner of Bird Associates, and now the five legislators. Ekiti State House of Assembly has 26 members, all belonging to the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Informed sources further disclosed that the legislators' present predicament may not be unconnected to the poultry project, which was allegedly unbudgeted for but was subsequently passed by the law-makers in a supplementary budget in 2004; and also an alleged illegal deduction from the Ekiti State Local Council funds. Fari, on the other hand was alleged to have been involved in the Ekiti State Government House project, alleged to have been completed by the erstwhile Governor, Otunba Niyi Adebayo before leaving.

It would be recalled that the Federal Government had on July 26 slammed a 15-count criminal charge against Olatunji and three others, for alleged criminal conversion of millions of naira meant for execution of

Williams who spoke on behalf of the family members thanked the governor for the state's offer and concern.

The late Engineer/politician, was assassinated in his house, 184B Cooperation Road, Dolphin Estate, Ikoyi, Lagos, about 100 metres away from Dolphin Estate Police Station, in the early hours of Thursday.

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the Ekiti State Integrated Poultry Project contract.

The three others docked with Fayose's Personal Assistant at the Federal High Court, Lagos were James, the contractor handling the Project, and his two companies, Biological Concepts Nigeria Limited and Avian Specialties Nigeria Limited.

However, at that proceeding before Justice Abubakar, the charges were not read and plea were also not taken as counsel representing the accused persons said they were only served a few minutes before the court session and needed to study the charge to be able to explain to the accused persons what their alleged offences were all about.

Specifically, Mr. Adekunle Oyesanya, who appeared for James and Biological Concepts (1st and 2nd accused persons respectively) and Mr. Durojaiye who represented Fayose's aide, had objected to the charge being read, insisting that the position of the law is that an