

# Valentine Tragedy: Lawyer Killed, Wife Wounded

An Asaba based legal practitioner, Barrister Emmanuel Okwuasaba was killed yesterday, while returning from a Valentine's Day outing with his wife.

Okwuasaba was said to have been felled in a mafia-style operation by a three-man gang at his residence located on the Direct Labour Agency (DLA) road.

However, one man said to have had a running battle with the late lawyer over a land deal is now in the net of the state police command over murder.

According to the state police command, the lawyer met his untimely death at about 10 p.m., shortly after a security man attached to the house opened the entrance gate for his boss and the wife to drive out.

The couple were said to have been accosted by two men who muttered inaudible words before shooting the lawyer through the left angle of his chest at close range, while the wife was shot on her lap.

THISDAY checks showed that the assailants lurked around the home of the vibrant legal practitioner and had waited for him to return from the day's work, when suddenly he emerged in his Honda Scoda car from the house with his wife.

## DELTA

*From Kingsley  
Nwezeh in Asaba*

He was immediately rushed to a private hospital where he was confirmed dead, while the widow is receiving bullet wound treatment at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Asaba.

Nothing was removed from the car.

## Adedoya, Oyo AC Guber Picks

Action Congress (AC) gubernatorial candidate in Oyo State, Professor Taoheed Adedoya, yesterday announced a former commissioner in the state, Chief Caleb Oyaniyi as his running mate.

Adedoya, who addressed newsmen in Ibadan, said he remained the candidate to beat at the polls, as he was already looking ahead to his inauguration as the governor.

The governorship hopeful whose candidature was marred in controversy, stated that last Tuesday closure of the substitution of candidates has affirmed him as the authentic candidate of the party.

He, however, commended his

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Miss Olabisi Okuwobi, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), who confirmed the incident, said the deceased lawyer had before his ugly fate complained to the wife and family members about a death threat he received from the arrested man whose name police could not disclose. "The widow said the husband told her about a death threat from one man who said he would deal with him over land matter.

## OYO

*From Tunde Sanni in Ibadan*

rivals in the race for running a just race, and resisting the temptation to be abusive or resort to violence when he was picked as the consensus candidate on December 14, last year.

Having been confirmed as the candidate, he promised to reach out to all his co-contestants to ensure an all-encompassing campaign that will translate to victory at the polls.

Adedoya shed light on alleged N1.3 billion textbook contract during the 11-month reign of the Deputy Governor, Otunba