

Gunmen Kill Owu Chief, 4 Others

No fewer than four persons including an Owu chief, Adedotun Sowole, were shot dead by unknown gunmen who invaded head of communities and Oba's meetings in the Owuland held at Ansarudeen Primary School, Atan-Ota in Ado-Odo Ota council area of Ogun state at the weekend.

Sowole, who was slain according to checks, was said to be at the meeting where some Baale and Obas who were installed last year by Olowu of Owu, Oba Olusanya Dosunmu, were waiting for the arrival of the Olowu for an urgent meeting when gunmen invaded the venue and killed four persons.

THISDAY gathered that already, 20 people have been arrested by the police in connection with the killing.

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in Abeokuta*

Last year, controversies trailed the installation of the Baales and Obas by the Olowu, as the Aworis kicked against it believing that it was an affront to them for him to have imposed the Obas and Baales on them in their own community.

A top security source who pleaded anonymity told THISDAY that some of those killed have not been identified, but a source closed to one of the Baales confided in THISDAY that their identities would be unveiled during the week.

However, indication emerged that the intractable chieftaincy crisis in the area was as a result of the installation of Owu Obas

who the Aworis saw as a total annexation of their people by the olowu.

Commenting on the incident, the Baale of Ketu Oluyomi, Chief Adedotun Owoyele an Owu chief, alleged that the gunmen who invaded the meeting were Awori youths, adding that they had the first hand information about the invasion but were caught unawares.

\$1.1bn West African Gas Pipeline Ready

The \$1.1billion dollar 630km West African Gas pipeline (WAGP) has been completed and may be commissioned this month, Group Managing Director (GMD) of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Mr.

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Funsho Kupolokun, has said.

Kupolokun, who spoke to newsmen at the weekend in Abuja on the state of government's gas utilisation efforts, said the ceremony marking the

through a pipeline network stretching up to about 630Km from the Niger Delta area through Lagos to Benin Republic and on to Ghana.

The WAGP will traverse 620 miles (1,033 kilometers) both onshore and offshore from Nigeria's Niger Delta region to