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Gunmen Kill Alaba Lawson's Guard

From Jaiyeola Andrews in Abeokuta,
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Unknown gunmen in the early hours of yesterday in Abeokuta, visited the home of Iyalode of Yorubaland, Mrs Alaba Lawson, and stabbed her security guard, Alhaji Yusuf Abdsakim, to death.

Lawson was recently removed as Iyalode of Egbaland by Alake of Egbaland, Oba Adedotun Aremu Gbadebo, over irreconcilable differences between her and Egba Traditional Council, before she was conferred the title of Iyalode of Yorubaland by Alaafin of Oyo, Oba Lamidi Adeyemi.

Addressing newsmen yesterday in Abeokuta, Lawson, who alleged assassination attempt on her life, said the gunmen stormed her house at 2 a.m., in a bid to kill, but instead, were able to kill her guard.

According to her, she said the unknown gunmen tried to gain entrance into her living room, but met stiff opposition from her security guard whom they stabbed to death before fleeing.

She said, "those who attacked my home and killed my security guard are not armed robbers, they are hired assassins sent to kill me, but Jehovah saved me."

She said though the unknown gunmen numbering about eight, gained entrance into the compound, they were unable to get into the living room. Contacted on phone, Ogun State Commi-ssioner of Police, Mr Dipo Ayeni, confirmed the incident.

He assured that his command would do everything possible to apprehend those behind the dastardly act and bring them to book.

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