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Lagos — Human rights lawyer and President, West African Bar Association (WABA), Mr Femi Falana, has said the murder of Mr. Kehinde Fasubaa should not be treated in isolation, and made a case for a comprehensive probe of all politically-motivated killings in the state.

He, therefore, called on Ekiti people to put their political differences aside and come together to stop what he described as the reckless killing of innocent persons.

In a statement issued yesterday and made available to THISDAY, Falana said the call had become necessary, "in view of the complicity of the Segun Oni administration and the Ekiti State Police Command in covering up the aforesaid heinous criminal offences."

Falana said "the brutal assassination of Fasubaa by assassins at Ado Ekiti on Saturday, December 3, 2009, has once again brought to the fore the state of insecurity in Ekiti State.

"Instead of shedding crocodile tears over the dastardly killing, Ekiti State government and the Police Command should be blamed for aiding abetting the armed gangs that have continued to terrorise the hapless people of Ekiti State for quite some time.

"The evidence of complicity on the part of the authorities include the following: the case of the suspects who were charged with the attempted murder of Mr. Taye Fasubaa on September 11, 2004 was compromised and settled by the PDP-led government. Consequently, the accused persons were discharged by Ado Ekiti High Court for want of evidence."

"In recent time, ex-President Olusegun Obasanjo has been mounting pressure on Oni to discontinue the pending criminal cases involving assassination of Mr Tunde Omojola and Dr Ayo Daramola.

"Although the cases have not been withdrawn, Ekiti State government has been lackadaisical in its prosecution, hence, the trial court has threatened to discharge the accused persons for want of diligent prosecution," Falana said.

In November 2007 the Ekiti State Police Command arrested 5 undergraduates of the University of Ado Ekiti namely Tosin Ibironke, Afolalu Adeyinka, Dele Olaleye, Idowu Animashaun and Ademola Adepoju for alleged robbery. Without any trial whatsoever the Police executed the undergraduates while in custody. Calls by the bereaved parents of the deceased and the human rights community for the arrest and prosecution of the culprits have fallen on the deaf ears of the State government." On December 15, 2008 the Military Joint Task Force invaded Ekiti State and arrested Sgt. Ibukun Omosakin and Sgt. Balogun Samuel for selling over

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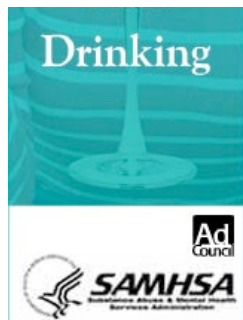
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