

Alleged murder: Police on trail of 3 OPC chieftains

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THE police in Lagos have begun a manhunt for three chieftains of Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC) over their alleged involvement in the murder of a welder, Mr. Ashimiu Fasasi, in the Mushin area of the state.

The three OPC chieftains were said to have along with others opened fire on the campaign team of a House of Assembly aspirant, Hon. Funmi Tejuosho at the Kayode Street junction tollgate in Mushin during which the deceased was hit by bullets.

Fasasi was said to be working in his workshop located at the Kayode junction when the OPC members in an attempt to prevent members of the campaign team of the aspirant from passing through the area allegedly began to shoot indiscriminately during which the deceased was killed.

The wanted OPC leaders were alleged to be working for a top official of Local Government who is eyeing the same seat currently occupied by Hon. Tejuosho.

The wanted OPC leaders were said to have earlier been declared wanted by the Zone II police headquarters as a

result of an earlier crime allegedly committed by them.

Meanwhile, following reports made by the family of the deceased, last Tuesday, to the police in Alakara area of Mushin, the state

commissioner of police, Mr. Emmanuel Adebayo, despatched a team of police detectives to fish out the suspects from Lagos Island where they were believed to be hiding.

How to secure Abuja, by security expert

THE Federal Capital Territory, FCT, is a majestic territory with scenic beauty which attracts tourism to the city but at the same time all manners of criminals, terrorists, saboteurs, miscreants, foreign spies and the likes which pose a grave threat to the city and its residents, Dr. Ona Ekhomu, a security expert, has said.

Ekhomu said this in his paper entitled, *The Challenges of public safety*, during the just concluded 30th anniversary of the creation of the FCT. For effective security of the city, Ekhomu, the first Nigerian chartered security professional, advised that the FCT should partner with private security as there is over dependence of federal security agencies which have too much on their hands.

"The police do not have vehicles to respond to emergencies just like fire trucks often breakdown when responding to fire. These statements mean that the public safety problems are beyond the capability of the FCT government," he stated.

Ekhomu however warned that the high level of political violence in the land could bring terror to the FCT as there were attacks in Bayelsa, Edo and Delta States since the commencement of the PDP ward congresses and primaries recently. "In most of the states, there is an Abuja group of politicians and a home based group. The battle for political power is invariably fought between these two. Therefore, extending the front lines to the FCT is quite conceivable".