

4 arrested over Rep's murder

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*Oyo offers N10m for clue

IBADAN — FOUR persons have been arrested by the police in Oyo State in connection with Friday night's murder of Representative Olusegun Oladimeji (Lagelu/Akinyele Constituency), according to the State Commissioner of Police, Prince Udom Ekpoudom.

Rep Oladimeji was killed by two gunmen, who trailed him to Ejioku, near the party office of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) around 9.30 p.m.

The state police boss, who did not give the names of the suspects for security reasons, told Vanguard on phone that, those helping the police in their investigations was a man, who accompanied the slain politician from Abuja.

"We have made some arrests. At least, four people have been arrested in connection with the murder of the politician. We arrested a man, who came with him from Abuja. He is helping us in our investigation. You can call the Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of the State Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Mr. Taiwo Lakanu."

He said two persons with the politician at the time the gunmen struck, Alhaji Isiaka Obideyi, Personal Assistant and the Senior Legislative Assistant, Mr. Peter Dairo, had been released on bail.

Lakanu, when contacted only said the police had made progress in their investigations but refused to give names of the suspects. The Public Relations Officer of the Command, Miss Olabisi Okuwobi, also, told Vanguard that the names of those arrested would not be disclosed for now.

The CP said one of the suspects was a member of a political party. It was further learnt that the suspected assassins met the murdered politician in front of the party's secretariat where he was relaxing with two of his aides.

He said they came, pretended as if they were in need of help and excused him from others.

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Vanguard learnt that one of those with him at the scene of the murder told the police that she was his wife.

Segelu, as the slain politician was popularly called, was said to have recently taken over the leadership of the political affairs in his local government.

Governor Adebayo Alao-Akala of Oyo State has placed a N10 million reward for clues on the killers, saying the public should furnish the police with any useful information that would lead to the arrest of the killers. He said, "we shall surely get the killers," adding that the killers were their political opponents.

Senate Leader, Senator Teslim Folarin, was pessimistic about the arrest of the killers, up till now could not solve.

Meanwhile sympathisers continued to troop into the residence of the politician on new Ife Road . Also, a condolence register has been opened at his hotel, Segelu Hotel which is some few metres from his residence.

AC condemns Rep's murder

Meanwhile, the Action Congress (AC) has condemned the killing of the House of Representatives member, Olusegun Oladimeji, saying the killing for whatever reason should be condemned by all right-thinking persons.

In a statement issued in Abuja, yesterday, its National Publicity Secretary, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, also commiserated with the family of the deceased, as well as the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives over the barbaric act.

He said politics should not be seen as a do-or-die affair, irrespective of the ill-advised characterisation of politics by supposed national leaders, adding that disagreements in politics or any area of human endeavour should be resolved in a civilised manner, instead of resorting to extra-judicial actions that can only worsen matters. AC called on the police to do everything possible to unravel the killing, so that the culprits — whoever they are — can be brought to justice.

"Unless this killing as well as previous high profile murders are solved and the nest of killers disbanded, those who believe they can solve problems by taking human lives will not stop. It is therefore imperative that the security agencies collaborate urgently to end this growing culture of mindless killing of innocent individuals," Mohammed added.