

Robbers killed ex-SDP chief, say Police

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IBADAN—SLAIN former Deputy National Chairman of the Social Democratic Party (SDP), Chief Augustus Babalola, who was killed in Ibadan on Tuesday night was murdered in the presence of his wife, Tayo.

Babalola was murdered by gunmen at his Idi-Ape area of Ibadan on his way from a service at the All Saints' Church, Jericho, Ibadan.

Speaking with newsmen, the Public Relations Officer of the state Police Command, Miss Olabisi Okuwobi, said

the latest investigation showed that the politician was killed by armed robbers.

Okuwobi said: "The politician might have been killed by armed robbers who attacked him in his house. The same set of robbers operated moments after the incident at the Mokola area where one of them was killed by the police."

The PPRO, who insisted he was killed by armed robbers, argued that the fact that they left with the deceased vehicle and also operated in another location shortly after Babalola was killed and abandoned his vehicle, it was clear

that the act was perpetrated by armed robbers.

According to her, "further investigation being conducted will either justify our current position or prove otherwise because we are still investigating."

One of the church members, Mrs. Tola Daramola, said his death jolted members of the church who saw him about 30 minutes before he was shot.

Vanguard gathered that the gunmen had laid ambush for him before he arrived his residence. He was said to have gone to open his gate when the men attacked him and shot him in the chest.