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Ekiti monarch, college provost kidnapped, killed in auto crash

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•Drivers too, Oni shocked

By Gbenga Ariyibi

Ado Ekiti – A first class monarch in Ekiti State, the Attah of Aiyede, Oba Adeleye Orisagbemi, and the acting provost, College of Education, Ikere Ekiti, Dr Gabriel Olowoyo, were, Saturday, kidnapped at different locations and killed in an auto-crash as the abductors tried to escape with them.

Sunday Vanguard reliably gathered that the monarch was coming from a function in Lagos with his son, Lanre and driver when they were kidnapped along Ilawe-Ado Ekiti Road.

The kidnappers, numbering seven, allegedly operated in a Liteace bus and raided as they passed through Ikole Ekiti until they got to Ilasa in Ekiti East Local Government area of the state where they kidnapped Olowoyo, his personal assistant and driver as they were returning from Abuja.

The kidnappers were said to have intercepted the provost's Toyota Camry official car after buying fuel in the town.

The kidnappers were said to have ordered all their victims into their bus and drove towards Kabba Lokoja Road where, upon sighting a patrol team of the Federal Road Safety Commission [FRSC], the driver lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a tree, killing the monarch, the acting provost and their drivers.

According to Ekiti State Commissioner for Environment, Otunba Segun Olanrewaju, who hails from Ayede Ekiti, the monarch's son, Lanre, survived the accident, but suffered fracture.

He explained that the provost and the two aides were returning from Abuja where Olowoyo had gone for a meeting.

Ekiti State governor, Engr. Segun Oni, yesterday, described the death of the monarch, provost and their drivers as shocking.

Chief press secretary to the governor, Mr. Wale Ojo_Lanre, in a statement, said the governor was shocked when he received the news of the abduction and death.



34 Responses for “Ekiti monarch, college provost kidnapped, killed in auto crash”

1. *Yisa Ajao* says:

[February 2, 2010 at 6:23 am](#)

This is criminal investigative workload for CP Ekiti Sate. Let us know who the alledged kidnappers are.(at least the liteace should have a plate number fake or real) Who is the big-brain behind them. A monarch is not expected to have heavy political debts to pay, so is the lecturer aspiring to be the provost of the state college of education. So we should not hide behind political assasination; but don't rule it out completely.

2. *Iyke* says:

[February 1, 2010 at 8:45 pm](#)

What happened to the kidnappers? Did they die also? Please report appropriately .thanks

3. *usman* says:

[February 1, 2010 at 2:51 pm](#)

The reporter forgot to tell us what happened to the kidnappers. Next time tell us the details please. I'm saying we should all put our heads and legs together and fight this ugly practice before it consumes everybody. The police or whatever they are called are handicapped because they couldn't even protect themselves whats more about us. So, forget them.

4. *Achor Njoku Sr.* says:

[February 1, 2010 at 2:49 pm](#)

I have said it over and over. Our federal government has held back any meaningful developement in our beloved country for too long: while the no government is solely responsilbe for the progressive developement of its people, our government has woefully and critically failed in the singular and most important function and foundation of any developed or developing society- security,(protection of lives and property). This is one function no government can outsource and its one function no government cannot offer any excuses for failure. Please don't give me your give your fancy, academic and colorfull rhetoric of where you want to be in the year 2020 (see the website Nigeria 2020), when you have not offered any clue of today's basic security Crisis. Yes! SECURITY CRISIS is what we have today and have had for sometime now; whether it is kidnapping, brazen daytime armed robbery, religious riots, or Nigerdelta etc. There must be an immediate attention (short term and long term solution), to these CRISIS. At the end nothing short of a total revamping and restructuring of our security and Law enforcement system will be sufficient.

“You don't chase rats when your house is burning”

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