

# Madmen go haywire in Ekiti, Ondo; kill monarch, one other

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**A DO-EKITI**—THERE was a pandemonium, yesterday, in Odo-Oro-Ekiti in Ikole Local Government Area of Ekiti State after a mentally-deranged person stabbed to death the traditional ruler of the community, Oba Gbadebo Ogunsakin.

Some residents of community, who spoke to newsmen, said the incident occurred after Oba Ogunsakin had a council meeting with his chiefs.

The Public Relations Officer of Ekiti State Command, Caleb Ikechukwu, who confirmed the incident in a telephone interview, said: "It is true the incident actually happened and our men have moved into action in the area.

"The person is of unsound mind and he actually escaped into the bush after committing the crime. Our men are combing the bush to fetch the suspect out. All I can say for now is that the suspect is within reach and will be put to custody."

The mentally deranged person, simply identified as Kunle, was said to be from the royal family of the slain traditional ruler.

One of the residents, Mr. Henry Olu, alleged that Kunle was seen earlier yesterday by some chiefs before the council's meeting, sitting on the traditional stool of his victim before he was chased away by palace guards.

Another source claimed the traditional ruler was attacked as soon as he finished the community council meeting and trying to board his official car from his palace to his residence.

machete injuries inflicted on him by an alleged mentally-deranged middle-aged man.

The identity of the killer, who fled the community after allegedly committing the crime, was unknown at press time.

Eyewitness informed *Vanguard* that the incident happened last Friday but could not offer the reason the alleged lunatic attacked the deceased.

But another source alleged that the deceased "must have offended the lunatic hence the punishment meted out on him"

The source added that the alleged killer lived on the same street with the deceased in the community

One of the residents said that "people know the lunatic in the town. Anytime you see him, he is always carrying a cutlass.

"Nobody knew what made him to do the dastardly act. People tried to revive the deceased, but he gave up the ghost shortly after. Immediately he committed the crime he (the lunatic) fled the

community and nobody knows his whereabouts till today."

Police image maker, Femi Joseph, said the lunatic was living in the community and well known to members of the community, saying the "lunatic had been terrorising the members of the community while they failed to take precaution."

The spokesperson, who noted that Police detectives had commenced investigation on the incident, confirmed that the suspected lunatic took to his heels after committing the crime.

He added that "the alleged killer and members of his family had ran away from the community, but nobody has been arrested over the matter. But we can confirm from residents of the community that the killer is a madman."

Meanwhile, the remains of the deceased have been deposited at a Okitipupa State Hospital's mortuary.



(RE)WRITING HISTORY: *Physically-challenged Ahmed Bako writing with his leg at Wuse Market, Abuja, yesterday.* NAN PHOTO.

## Ondo

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