

# Family of killed oil palm worker wants IGP, govt's to investigate

By Ozioruva Aliu

**BENIN CITY—** THE family of 38-year-old Matthew Akioyamen has called on the Inspector-General of Police and the Edo State government to order a thorough investigation into the circumstances that led to the gruesome murder of their breadwinner.

They are alleging that he was killed with several machete cuts in Okomu Oil Farms extension in Uhumwonde Local Government Area.

The family is also not happy with the management of Okomu Oil, where they said he was a staff, but the spokesman of Okomu Oil, Fidelis Olise, said the deceased was not its staff.

"He worked for a company called Human Assets Centre. We sympathise with the wife for losing her husband but we don't work with emotions and sentiments.

"I am aware his company has been cooperating with the police on the investigation and they even paid for an autopsy,

which was supposed to be conducted. It is the duty of the police to do a thorough investigation and the police are investigating.

"It is very clear, he does not work with Okomu and I am aware that the company is already working on what they need to do."

Speaking on behalf of the family, Ohioma George, accompanied by his family members, including his wife and three kids, said: "The deceased was dastardly murdered in his work premises. He was employed in that company sometime in

2015 and since then he has been working with Okomu Oil. He was given accommodation and a motorbike to do his work

"On that fateful day of December 2, 2020, he went out and he never returned to his house in the company premises. Efforts were made to look for him and eventually he was seen dead with machete cuts all over his body.

"The company, without recourse to the police, took the corpse to their mortuary, a mortuary and a hospital that's not government-owned, and not recognised by the government. They dumped the

deceased's lifeless body on the ground. Ever since, the company didn't deem it fit to pay a visit to the family of the young man that was killed.

"Justice must be done. We deserve justice, the family deserves justice, the children are crying for justice. How can the deceased be murdered in cold blood? He is the breadwinner of his family."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Chidi Nwabuzor, said seven people have been arrested over the matter and that investigation is still on.

## 2 killed in failed kidnap in Igabi LGA

### ●As troops avert farmer-herder clash in Jema'a LGA

By Ibrahim Hassan Wuyo

**TWO** farmers, Alhaji Yunusa Gambo and Mallam Surajo, were reportedly killed by bandits in an attempted kidnap at Chikaji village, Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Kaduna State Commissioner, Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, who disclosed this, yesterday, said the bandits invaded the residence of Alhaji Yunusa Gambo and attempted to kidnap him with one Mallam Surajo.

He said while the duo

attempted to flee they were shot by the bandits.

Governor Nasir el-Rufai has commiserated with the families of the deceased and prayed for the repose of their souls.

Security agencies are investigating the incident and sustaining patrols in the area.

### troops avert farmer-herder clash in Jema'a LGA

In another development, troops under the auspices of Operation Safe Haven have averted what would have been a bloody clash between some herders and

farmers in Jema'a local government area of the state.

The incident took place at Ungwan Marwa and Marmara communities in the local government area when cattle under the care of one Bayerajo Sule allegedly destroyed farms belonging to three farmers—Abigail Michael, Emmanuel Bulus and Jonathan Vincent.

It was gathered that after the said destruction of the farms, that some individuals from both sides, instead of appealing for calm, allegedly incited the respective parties for a clash.

#### CHANGE OF DATE OF BIRTH

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