

# One killed as journalist shot in Onitsha

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**R**OBBERS last weekend in Onitsha shot dead one unidentified man and even as a journalist, Victor Sorokwu, escaped death by whiskers but not after he have being severely hit by gun shot from the armed robberies..

According to the, Sorokwu who is South South Bureau Chief of the People Monthly Magazine, now recuperating in an Onitsha hospital, the gunmen who were riding on a motorcycle popularly known as okada, blocked a man on another motorcycle who they probably thought was carrying money in a concealed polythene bag.

He said that no sooner had they double crossed the man at Port Harcourt road than one of the assailants who spotted him standing at the gate of Life Breweries along Port Harcourt road opened fire on him, saying that his life was saved by share providence.

Sorokwu was immediately rushed to the Onitsha Fegge Police Station from where they brought writing permit to take him to a hospital where he has undergone operation in his left shoulder.

Thanking God for rescuing him Sorokwu called for increased police patrol in the crisis prone city to combat crimes as the yuletide approaches, adding that the rate at which people are dispossessed of their hard earned resources in Onitsha is alarming and needs a more stringent proactive measure by the police to checkmate.

However, an eyewitness, recounted that the armed robbers having discovered that the content of the man's bag was not money as they had thought, released some shots in the air apparently to scare the bystanders away, when one of the traders along the road rushed out and griped one of the robbers and started shouting in a bid to attract other people to arrest the armed robbers.