

# Gunmen kill Niger Delta chieftain in Kaduna

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**F**IVE days after the gruesome murder of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) operative in Kaduna, a chieftain of the state chapter of the Niger Delta Peoples Forum, Chief Jimmy Omogberem, was yesterday killed by gunmen at his Malali residence.

*Sunday Trust* gathered that Chief Omogberem, a lawyer by profession, was

shot on his chest by the gunmen at about 2:00 am.

A security guard attached to his residence, Peter Sumnoe told newsmen that the gunmen who forced their way into the compound through the fence were five in number and that they had cut the protectors on the fence before gaining entry.

"At about 1:45 am, I heard unusual noise and movement at the back of the compound. Because of the strange sound I decided to take a walk to the back of the

premises. When I moved around, I saw three of the killers already in the compound. They pointed a gun at me and threatened to shoot if I didn't keep quiet, because immediately I saw them I started shouting to the main house that robbers had invaded the house."

He said the killers asked him for the key to the main gate, but he told them that the keys were not with him. "They became furious and hit me hard with the butt of their gun, so I pretended to be

unconscious. They took me to the security room and tied me to the bed and I was blindfolded", Sumnoe said.

The Kaduna state commissioner of police, Mohammed Tambari Yabo, described the incident as a sad development and that it was too early for the police to make any statement on the gruesome murder of the late lawyer.

In a swift reaction, the Kaduna branch of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) described the killing as "shocking".