

Gunmen kill Oshiomhole's private secretary

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COMRADE Olaitan Oyerinde, the Principal Private Secretary to Edo State Governor Comrade Adams Oshiomhole, has been killed by unknown gunmen at his Benin residence.

Oyerinde, according to an eyewitness account, was gunned down by four armed men in the early hours of Friday about 30

minutes after returning home.

Weekly Trust learnt that Olaitan closed late from office on Thursday evening and decided to hang out with friends who later dropped him at home. "Not quite 30 minutes after he retired home and sat to relax at the sitting room the gunmen stormed his house and went straight to his junior brother's room," a source said.

But after confirming that that the junior brother was not the target, the gunmen went straight to the room of the wife demanding to know the whereabouts of her husband. The wife later took them to the sitting room where the late Oyerinde was sleeping, the source said further.

The gunmen were said to have pumped bullets into Oyerinde's stomach and chest and left the

compound immediately.

The wife, according to our source, called one of her late husband's friends who informed the police about the attack on the governor's Private Secretary at his residence in Ugbor G.R.A.

Oyerinde was confirmed dead by medical doctors at the Central Hospital where he was taken to.

The news of the assassination of Comrade

Olaitan, as he was famously called, sparked up demonstrations in and around Benin, the Edo state capital.

Members of the Oshiomhole campaign organization also marched to the police headquarters in the state with the message 'enough is enough and the culprits must be apprehended.'

Reacting to the assassination, the Director

General of the campaign organization Pastor Ize Iyamu blamed unnamed political opponents for the murder.

Meanwhile, Edo state commissioner of Police Olayinka Balogun has vowed to fish out criminals in the state especially those involved in the assassination of the late Principal Private Secretary to the Edo state Governor Olaitan Oyerinde.

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