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GUNMEN KILL CIVIL DEFENCE OFFICER IN BENUE

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A serving personnel of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in Apa Local Government Area of Benue State was shot to death by unknown gunmen while working on his farm, Daily Trust gathered.

The killing of the officer on his farm at Kaduna K'Olijamu in Edikwu came barely one week after a similar incident occurred in Ofikwu Iyagba in Ugboju, a neighbouring village in the Idoma speaking area.

It was learnt that the deceased, James Nathaniel, went to his farm, but did not return until very late in the evening when worried relatives went in search for him and discovered him in a pool of his blood.

Daily Trust gathered that the injuries on the deceased's body suggest that he may have struggled with his assailants before he was over powered.

The corpse has already been deposited at the General Hospital mortuary in Ugbokpo, headquarters of the local government.

Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in the area, Philip Agena, confirmed the incident and said investigation has commenced into the matter.

Meanwhile, the council chairman, Owoicho Oyi, has condemned the act, describing it as unacceptable, as according to him the culture of violence is alien to them.

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