

Gunmen kill 3 at drinking joint in Benue

From Hope Abah, Makurdi

Unknown gunmen on Saturday night killed three people and injured two others at a popular drinking joint in Makurdi, Benue State.

Deputy spokesman of the Benue State Police Command, Matthew Okwu, confirmed that the gunmen whose identities were yet to be ascertained shot the victims dead.

He said the gunmen stormed the Balcony joint around Welfare quarters in Makurdi at about 9:30pm and started shooting sporadically, killing the deceased who had been deposited in the morgue and injuring the duo now receiving treatment in the hospital.

The witness said the mission of the gunmen at the drinking joint was not known but that two persons were killed there while an Indian Glo regional Fiber Head, Vikram Negi and one other person sustained bullet wounds.

According to the source the third victim was killed in another incident at Welfare Quarters and that the attack was cult related.

Police spokesman who gave identities of two out of the three dead victims as Alfred and Donald, said investigation into the incident had commenced.

Okwu added that one person was arrested at the scene of the crime in connection with the killings.

of the National Assembly to expedite action on the bill for the establishment of a National Soil Science Institute.

He said the speedy passage of the bill and the consequent establishment of the institute would enhance food production across Africa.

He said the institute would ensure soil security and sustainability by checking progressive abuse of the soil through indiscriminate deforestation, grazing and land clearing amongst others.

In a paper at the 35th Inaugural Lecture of the University, Osunde said lack of appropriate body charged with the supervision of soil use, management, treatment of soils and the coordination of projects as well as researches on soils in most sub-Saharan Africa countries led to abuse and consequent low food production.