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Lecturer, APC chieftain killed in Benue

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A lecturer with the College of Education in Kastina Ala, Benue State, Terseer Akaa Gbue and an All Progressives Congress (APC) ward chairman in the same locality, Shaapera Andongu, were killed Wednesday and Thursday night.

Criminals have continued to terrorize residents of Kastina Ala Local Government Area and environs for sometime now, including the recent killing of 10 members of the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) at Abaji area about one month ago.

It was gathered that the killing of Terseer Akaa Gbue and Shaapera Andongu might have been carried out by gunmen from a militia group in the area.

But police spokesman in the state, Moses Joel Yamu, said the APC ward chairman was however suspected to be a member of a kidnap gang.

Yamu said the COE worker was robbed of his car and shot dead before his stolen vehicle was used to kidnap one Tersoo Burga at Joseph Tarka Road in Gboko.

He said when the police got wind of the kidnap, they pursued Burga's abductors up to Takum road on the border between

Benue and Taraba states where an exchange of gunfire took place but the police overpowered the hoodlums who fled.

The police spokesman added that blood traces by security operatives at the spot where the gun battle took place the following day led to the scene where the body of the APC chairman was found, fuelling suspicion that he was a member of the kidnap gang.

Yamu however said ongoing investigation would reveal the truth about the party leader as he noted that the abducted Burga was rescued successfully from the kidnappers.