

# Pastor's wife murdered in Benue

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A pastor's wife, Mrs Eunice Omaye Odoba, 55, has been reportedly murdered by yet-to-be identified assailants in her home at Perfect Avenue in Otukpo, Benue State.

Daily Trust gathered that the deceased, a mother of three, said to also be the proprietress of Verda International School Otukpo and wife of Pastor of Lord's Chosen Church, was stabbed in the chest.

Witnesses said some members of her church from the Lord's Chosen branch in Otukpo had checked up on her to know why she did not attend the Sunday service.

It was learnt that the members raised an alarm when they discovered the woman in a pool of her own blood in her kitchen with a deep cut on her chest around the breast region.

The witnesses further told our correspondent that the police in Otukpo thereafter evacuated the

body and deposited same in the mortuary.

Also, the deceased's younger brother, Adoba Mac, told newsmen in Makurdi on telephone that "We had a family meeting earlier. We finished the meeting around 6.30am yesterday (Sunday) and she was rushing to go to church. I was the one who took her on my motorcycle to a junction to her house and we parted, only for me to receive a call from someone around 3pm that I should rush down to my sister's house," he said.

Mac further disclosed that the woman was alone in the building (the area is still being developed) when the incident occurred.

He added that the deceased's husband left for his missionary trip to Equitorial Guinea in February this year.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for Benue Command, DSP Catherine Anene, told our correspondent that she was yet to be briefed on the matter.