

# Gunmen kill couples in Benue, Ogun

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Gunmen suspected to be armed herders have killed a man and his wife at Udei branch in Mbabai ward, Guma Local Government Area of Benue State.

Our correspondent gathered that the man, whose name was given as Igba Faga, and his wife were on Tuesday evening macheted to death while returning from their farm on a motorbike.

Special Adviser on Security to the Benue Governor, Col. Paul Hemba (rtd), told newsmen in Makurdi on Wednesday that suspected armed herders had laid ambush on the couple and hacked them to death on their way home from the farm.

Hemba said that the deceased rode on their own motorcycle when the attackers pounced on them, killing both on the spot.

He added that the bodies of the deceased

had been evacuated by their family members for burial just as he described the attack as one attack too many.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for Benue Command, DSP Catherine Anene, said she was not yet aware of the matter.

In a related development, gunmen have allegedly assassinated a hotel owner, Kehinde Ibidunni and his wife, Elizabeth, in a brutal attack at Atan-Ota in Ado - Odo/Ota Local Government Area of Ogun State.

The 63-year-old man and his wife, 54, were reportedly shot dead by the gunmen who broke into their residence at Atan-Ota in the early hours of Tuesday and gunned down the couple in quick succession.

Daily Trust gathered that attackers had stormed the residence at No 15 Tella Ojo Crescent, Atan - Ota, around 3 pm, forcing their way into the house through a grille.

The noise caught the attention of a little girl

living with the couple.

The little girl, it was further gathered, had immediately rushed to inform the hotelier of the development in his room, but when the man showed up to inquire about the "strange visitors" he was reportedly shot in the heart and died on the spot.

Our correspondent learnt that the hoodlums later gained entrance into the building got hold of the wife, beat her before she was shot dead.

The son, Olayinka, who spoke with Daily Trust, said it was a case of 'assassination'.

He said his parents were murdered barely a month after they attended his wedding in Abuja.

According to him, the police have taken the corpses to the morgue.

Olayinka while describing his parents as "peaceful and loving" hinted that the family has concluded arrangement to bury the couple on Friday.

When contacted, the State Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyeyemi, confirmed the incident.