

Gunmen kill UniBen hospital doctor

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A medical doctor with the University of Benin, Otete Osaikhuomwan, has been shot dead by gunmen suspected to be assassins in Benin City, the Edo State capital.

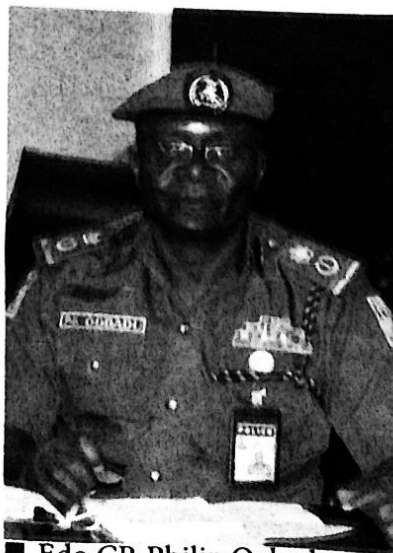
The 36-year-old ophthalmologist, was reportedly shot in the chest in the presence of his pregnant wife on Monday morning in his house in a GRA.

The state's police spokesman, Bello Kongtons, who confirmed the killing, said, "Yes, the doctor was shot dead. The police are working to unravel the circumstance behind the killing and arrest the perpetrators."

Meanwhile, members of the Association of Resident Doctors (NARD), UBTH chapter, protested the killing at the hospital, blaming it on the high level of insecurity in the country.

The President of the UBTH ARD, Dr Elamah Ikpemimoghena, said insecurity had been one of the reasons responsible for brain drain in the country.

Dr Ikpemimoghena said, "This is a very unfortunate incident; it came to us as a rude shock. This is something that has made a lot of our colleagues reconsider their stance on working in Nigeria."



■ Edo CP, Philip Ogbadu