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Gunmen kill 2, abduct NDDC official

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1 Some unknown gunmen have killed a father of four at a burial ceremony in Atta, Ikeduru Local Government Area of Imo State. The victim was said to have been shot in front of his wife and children.

Our correspondent gathered that his killers fled the scene after the shooting, leaving mourning guests aghast.

A witness said policemen led by the DPO of Iho Division arrived at the scene

shortly after the incident.

2 Also, another set of hoodlums was said to have shot and killed an unidentified young man at Amaraku in Isiala Mbano Local Government Area of the state.

Both incidents happened less than 24 hours after gunmen kidnapped an official of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

The official, identified as Engr Kingsley Okorafor, was said to have been abducted early Friday morning from his residence in Umulogho, Obowo Local Government Area.

Unconfirmed sources said his captors have contacted his family and demanded N10 million as ransom.

However, a man who simply identified himself as Collins, told our correspondent that the young man killed at Amaraku was his cousin.

He said, "I am in shock. My cousin was killed by yet-to-be-identified gunmen/kidnappers at Amaraku axis yesterday evening. I'm still in shock," he said.

Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Mike Abattam, could not be reached for comments.