Gunmen attack ambulance, kill undertaker in Kogi community

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Gunmen ambushed an ambulance belonging to a professional undertaker group, killing its director, Segun Adekoya, along the Egbe-Ogbe-Ponyan Road in Yagba East Local Government Area of Kogi State.

The incident occurred around 5 p.m. on Saturday as Adekoya and his team were returning to Egbe after

officiating a funeral in the Ponyan community.

It was gathered that earlier that morning, Adekoya's group had transported a corpse from a hospital in Egbe, Yagba West Local Government Area, to Ponyan for burial.

"Adekoya and his team are well-loved in the community for their exceptional service at funeral ceremonies. He had recently purchased a well-equipped ambulance on December 24, 2024, with the

support of locals to enhance his operations," said Ademola Ganiyu, a resident of Egbe.

Ganiyu said the attack happened shortly after Adekoya and his team fixed a punctured tyre on their way back.

He said the gunmen, numbering about 30, ambushed the group. While others managed to escape, Adekoya could not due to a past accident that had left one of his legs disabled, forcing him to walk with difficulty.