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Man killed in his farm in Benue

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A RENOWNED farmer based in Otukpo Local Council of **Benue** State, Mr. Ofikwu Iyagba, was allegedly **killed** at the weekend by unknown persons while in **his farm**.

The Guardian investigation revealed that before Iyagba's death, some unidentified persons who claimed to be looking for **farm** produce to buy had visited the him on the day of **his**

death.

Iyagba, who was said to be preparing for church service on the fateful day, later changed **his** mind and headed for the **farm** where he was seized and macheted to death by the unidentified persons.

The dastardly killing of Iyagba was said to have created fear and apprehension among residents of Ogoli most of who sources said were not sure of their safety or who may be the next victim.

Reacting to the development, the traditional ruler in the area, Chief Obande of Ugboju condemned the act and tasked security agencies to thoroughly investigate the matter and bring the perpetrators to book.

The Divisional Police Officer, DPO for Otukpo local government, Mr. Francis Obinwa, who confirmed the incident, disclosed that the police have begun

investigations into the crime even as he said he was on **his** way to the scene of the crime to see things for himself.

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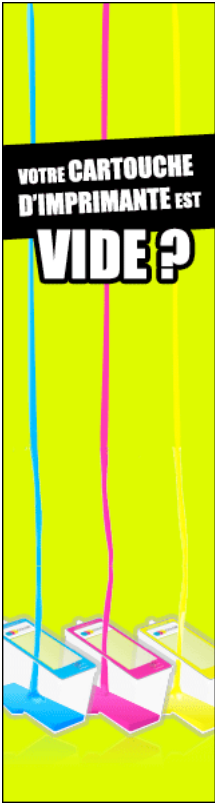
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