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Suspected hoodlums hack man to death

From Michael Egbejule, Benin City.

SUSPECTED ritualists have hacked a certain Osasu John Omoruyi to death in Benin City, the Edo State capital.

The victim, it was learnt, was abducted from a popular drinking bar along Sakponba Road in the state capital.

He was reportedly killed around Uwa Street, off First East Circular Road in the state capital.

A witness, who pleaded anonymity, said the killers went on with their mission without any hin-

drance, "due to power outage on Friday."

According to the source, "I was relaxing in my balcony upstairs around 11.50p.m. when I saw a saloon car driven on top speed into my street. The car later reversed and suddenly, I saw two men dragging a young man out of the car. They asked their victim to sit on the floor and were yelling at him. One of the men, afterwards, ran into the car and brought out a cutlass, which he used to dismember him."

Imo retirees urge FG to intervene over unpaid pensions

From Charles Ogugbuaja, Owerri

RETIREES in Imo under the Raegis, Nigerian Union of Pensioners (NUP), have appealed to the Muhammadu Buhari-led All Progressives Congress (APC), to intervene and monitor the use of the bailout and all the Paris Club Loan Refund tranches (each

them, saying that the erection of statues and other construction work should not occupy the minds of the state government.

One of the retirees, who spoke with *The Guardian* on Monday, Elder Felix Ekiti, regretted that after retiring in 1998 from the services of the Imo State-owned Imo