

# Assassins Kill Lawyer, Shoot Wife In Asaba

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Gunmen suspected to be hired assassins have shot dead an Asaba-based lawyer, Mr. Emmanuel Okwuasaba. His wife, who was also shot, was in a critical condition at press time.

It was learnt that the lawyer  
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was driving out of his residence on the Direct Labour Agency (DLA) Road around 10p.m in the company of his wife on Valentine Day when three gunmen, who were lurking around, accosted them. The assailants shot the couple at close range. Okwuasaba was shot on the chest while his wife was shot on the leg. The armed men did not remove anything

from the man's car.

Neighbours, who came to the scene after the gunmen had fled, rushed the victims to a private hospital where the man eventually gave up the ghost. His wife was later taken to the Federal Medical Centre. The state Police Public Relations Officer, Miss Okuwobi Olabisi (ASP), confirmed the incident.

She said a man that had a

land dispute with the deceased had been arrested in connection with the killing.

"The man's wife said the husband told her about a death threat from one man who said he would deal with him over a land matter. The man had also before his death called a family meeting over the same issue. This led to the arrest of the man," Olabisi stated.