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FCC wants FG to insulate it from partisan politics

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FEDERAL Character Commission (FCC) has enjoined the federal government to insulate it from partisan politics to ensure its efficiency and effectiveness.

The commission gave the advice in a communiqué it issued on Wednesday after a three day workshop in Ilorin.

The workshop was entitled, "Fulfilling a constitutional mandate in the implementation of the Federal Character principle and guidelines at the three tiers of government."

The communiqué reads: "under a democratic dispensation, it is the view of the workshop that the efficiency

## Clergy killed in Benue, found tied to tree

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**A CLERGY** with the Methodist Church of Nigeria, Ago-Otukpa, Ogbadibo Local Government area of Benue State, Reverend Michael Ejeh, was in the early hours of Monday found dead in the bush tied to a tree.

It was gathered that Reverend Ejeh had gone to Odebe-Otukpa to see one Reverend Moses Ujah for deliverance but after the prayer session,

Ujah ordered two of his pastors to keep watch over him while he passed the night at the ministry's office.

Wife of the deceased, Charity Ejeh, told *Daily Independent* that her husband was suffering from malignant hypertension and had gone to Deliverance Ministry owned by Prophet Moses Ujah at Odebe before he met his death.

A source at Odebe-Otukpa told our correspondent that Ejeh was found tied to

a tree five kilometers away from Prophet Ujah's Church and that he was said to have gone to the bush to ease himself when the incident occurred.

Some of the deceased's colleagues who preferred anonymity expressed shock at the development and said there was more to what happened.

His colleagues also said Prophet Ujah has been arrested by the police but the Police Public Relations Offi-

cer, DSP Philip Akena, said he has not been briefed on what happened at Otukpa.

Ejeh's body has been deposited at the General Hospital, Otukpa mortuary while Odebe-Otukpa was said to have been deserted by residents for fear of arrests.

Meanwhile, efforts are on by the Enone Diocese of the Methodist Church to unravel the circumstances surrounding the mysterious death.