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Militants On Rampage In Sapele, One Assassinated

Tragedy struck in Sapele, Delta State 20th December 2018, as gunmen numbering 10 allegedly invaded the home of one Mr Francis Egebe Evuen and shot him dead.

A dependable source disclosed that the group alleged to be militants claimed they were looking for the son of the victim, who could not be found in the area.

It was gathered that the deceased was dragged from his house at Oghene road, Sapele on the fateful day to an unknown destination where he was finally shot dead.

According to daughter of the deceased, Blessing Onagebe, who narrated the incident daily Independent News, said they are already making plans for the burial of her father according to the traditions and customs of the Okpe people on Friday 4th January.

Blessing, while narrating the incident said "on 20th of December, 2018 at about 10:30pm, a group of gun men numbering about 10 came to our resident, and I was watching movie on my dad, Comrade Francis Egebe in the sitting room with my mother and others already sleeping in the

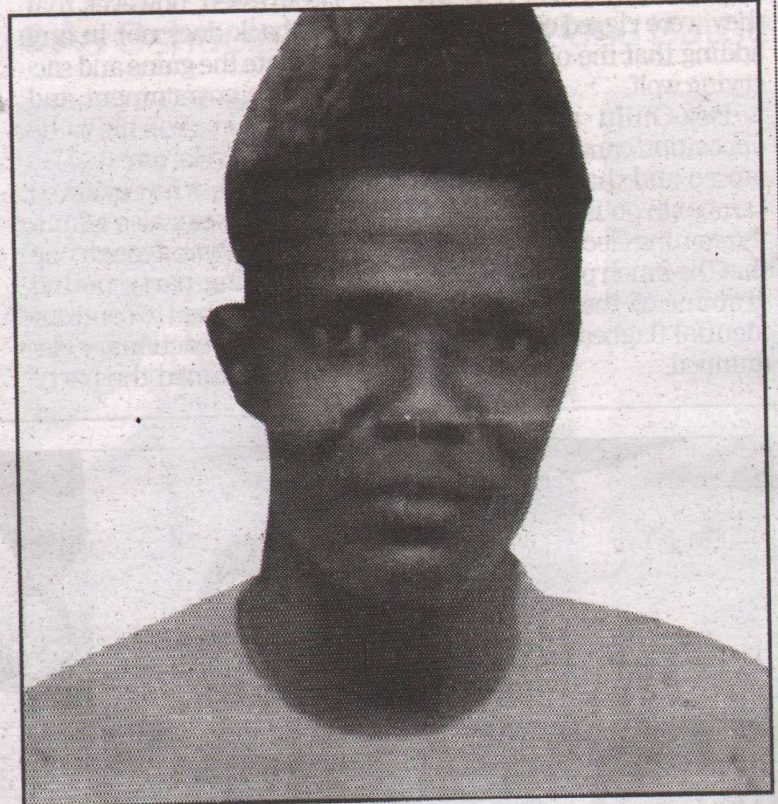
bedroom"

"They asked my father after my brother Mr Patrick Onagebe while pointing gun at my father's head. My dad explained to them that his son is not at home because he was out of the country, yet they insisted that they heard that he came for the Christmas celebration and my father told them no".

She continued, "At this stage my father asked them who they were and why they were looking for Patrick? They then responded that they were militant groups. They told my father to provide Patrick for them or they will take me (Blessing) with them"

"They immediately dragged me with them while my father started struggling with them to free me. They let me go and in anger took my father inside a waiting car and drove out from the compound as we all shouted for help but neighbours and sympathisers could not do anything to save the situation".

"At 12:am, a motorcycle operator in the area came to us and said he saw a man lying on the ground and when he



Evuen

looked at the face of the man it was my father who was on the ground along Sapele-Warri road. When we all got there he was already dead with blood gushing out of his neck where he was shot. My mother took him to Sapele Central Hospi-

tal where doctors confirmed him dead on arrival" Blessing revealed.

Blessing explained further while displaying the father's affidavit of death Certificate sworn to at the Sapele High Court.

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ed to know about the norms of the society and how they could be better reformed".