

# New Year Tragedy: Bus Driver Shot Dead In Benin

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**BENIN** – A commercial bus driver was on New Year Day hacked to death in Benin city, Edo state capital, by unknown gunmen.

The incident occurred along Siluko Road, near Oliha Market in Benin City.

Reports had it that the driver, who is yet to be identified, plies the popular Sapele Road route in Benin City.

The unknown assailants, according to the report, entered the bus from Kings Square in Benin City and diverted the driver to Siluko Road at gunpoint.

Immediately they passed the former Ovator Cinema house at Siluko Road, the hoodlums used a battle axe on him before he was finally shot dead.

Some eyewitnesses who were returning from the New Year crossover church service told DAILY INDEPENDENT that they saw the commercial bus with a full headlight on and some persons were dragging the steering with the driver.

They said, they suddenly heard gunshots which scared most of them away.

A moment after, some young boys came out and entered another vehicle and fled the scene.

On a closer look, they saw the lifeless body of a young man with bloodstains all over his body.

The deceased was still seating on the driver's seat with his head completely damaged and the two eyes removed.

The lifeless body of the victim was still inside the bus at 2 pm on January 1, 2021, when DAILY INDEPENDENT reporter called at the scene.

The killing may not be unconnected with the renewed ongoing cult clashes in Benin City, Edo state which has claimed many lives.