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## MURDER: Gunmen Kill Businessman

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Suspected gunmen yesterday stormed Ankpa, headquarters of Ankpa local government, killed an oil dealer and made away with his money.

According to sources, Alhaji Abdullahi (whose other names were not ready before press time) had closed from work at his filling station, Inter Lona filling station, located near INEC office in Ankpa, and was on his way to the village, Odagba, a suburb of Ankpa, before he was attacked.

It was gathered that as he went along that road leading to Odagba, a shout of "they want to kill me, they want to kill me" was heard but nobody could summon the courage to come outside to help the victim.

It was further learnt that the oil dealer had just returned from a journey prior to that fateful day and complained that he

had a very bad dream which, sources said, was the subject of discussion in the village.

One person who lives close to the area the incident happened on Ankpa-Odagba road, but sought anonymity, said he heard the shout but could not ascertain which direction it was coming from, adding that Ankpa had become deadly because of gunmen who have taken over the town.

He appealed to Capt Idris Wada and the security operatives to beam more searchlight on Ankpa before political campaign hots up, otherwise there would be more killings and people will attribute it to political violence.

All efforts to get the police version failed. A source said that the police had directed for the corpse to be deposited for autopsy and investigation, but the deceased's relatives insisted that he be buried immediately in line with Muslim tenets.