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## Gunmen Assassinate Edo AC Stalwart

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An Action Congress House of Representatives aspirant, Engineer Ayo Oghogho, was on Saturday night murdered in cold blood at his residence located at Aitoe Idubor Avenue, off 2nd Ugbor Road at the G. R. A. in Benin City, the Edo state capital, while returning to his apartment at about 10pm.

The 34 years old University of Benin trained engineer, who just declared his intention to contest the House of Representatives election the same day he was assassinated, was trailed to his residence by six suspected assassins who chased him to the back of his apartment where he was shot severally at close range.

The assassins fled the scene of the incident, according to neighbours, who said the slain politician never had any premonition of the tragedy lying ahead, as he was in high spirits making plans to formally join the Orhiomwon/Uhunwonde Federal House of Representatives race.

This development has sent fears into aspirants in Edo State ahead of the party's primaries as they are locked in a battle to undo one another as to who picks their party's ticket to contest the forthcoming elections.

Earlier in the day, late Engineer Oghogho, had told journalists that attended the declaration ceremony at Uhumwonde that his intention to contest the federal house of representatives election was a divine calling, just as he used the occasion to castigate past politicians that had represented the constituency. The rally had in attendance party leaders and hundreds of supporters.

Narrating how the incident occurred to journalists at his wife's family house at No 60, Awo Street, off 2nd East Circular, the mother-in-law, Stella Amadasun, who is helping to nurse the one month old baby of late Oghogho, said the politician was said to be alive until they got to University of Benin Teaching Hospital before he gave up the ghost.

She recounted that the late Oghogho was trailed to the house when the killers closed up on him while trying to open the gate of his compound to drive in. He was said to have shouted "Jesus" on smelling danger which attracted neighbours who were said to have pleaded passionately with the assassins but to no avail.

The Edo state Police Image maker, ASP Peter Ogboi, who confirmed the incident, said the Commissioner of Police Kachi Udochi, had ordered the Criminal Investigation Agency (C.I.A) to take over the case and find the killers. "It is unfortunate," he added.

Late Engineer Oghogho, until his untimely death was a board member of Edo state broadcasting service. He is married with a month baby.

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