

# Assassins kill 'caring' Benin City night guard

• Born on Monday, killed on Monday

A night guard, Mr Monday Osaremwinda (alias Egbo), was murdered by suspected assassins in Benin City, Edo State yesterday. He was born on a Monday, in July, 1961. His death elicited great and anguish, **JOHN MAYAKI and IKUBAIYEJE MARSHALL** report

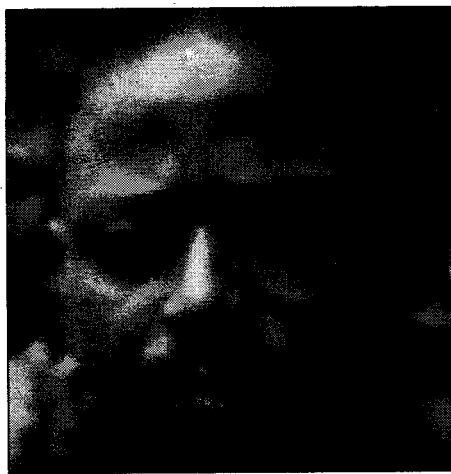
**M**ONDAY Osaremwinda was the security night guard in Use Market in Ogida, opposite Ogida Police Station in Egor Local Government Area of Benin City. In the early hours of yesterday, Osaremwinda body was brought to the Central Hospital by two police officers and four others who were members of his family in a car.

Suddenly, men and women trooped in with tears all over. He was believed to have been attacked in the market at night.

A woman said to be his sister said, "His father and my father are of the same father and my name is Rose Omoregie".

Rose explained amid sobs that her late cousin was a security man in Use Market and that it was a long time he started the job; from Oliha New Market to New Benin and to other places.

Rose, who learnt of her cousin's killing at



The late Osaremwinda

his duty post got there and everywhere was deserted. She was told to immediately go to the Central Hospital to see where she could see the remains of Osaremwinda where she was shedding tears profusely. She felt bad as if the worse had happened to her.

But that was a tip of the pains the gruesome murder of Monday caused the people of Ogida who trooped to his house to console with his widow, Lillian. At his residence, in Osakhira Street, it was like a market place for mourners.

Lillian felt bad; it was all over her. She told THE NATION that "my body is hot. I am unconscious. I don't know what to do. All my children are small. I have seven children and there are three other kids from another woman outside".

Asked if her late husband had grudges with anybody, she answered, "I don't know. He did not tell me he had quarreled with anybody".

Being the first wife, she had nothing doing but trading and this had stopped for sometime. She explained how her husband was killed; "I was told that they used battle Axe to hit him on his head and died on the spot with blood gushing from his mouth".

At the murder scene, he was in the pool of blood. According to Lillian, "there was enough blood on the ground. The money he was asked to pay to the owner of a store where armed robbers broke into was still in his pocket and even after they had killed him, they took his money and his trouser away. His body was deposited at the Central Hospital Mortuary.

"He went to the meeting yesterday to borrow over N100, 000.00 pay the owner of the store because he was the night guard in the market".

She is not aware if the killers were armed robbers but, Edith his first daughter immediately answered, "they may be

hired killers. They did not carry his handset; they only carried his trouser to show to the person who sent them. I am sure that is what they did. His bike keys were with him, after killing him, they dropped his handset beside his body", Edith who is 17 years old said amid tears.

"My husband was not a trouble maker. As you are here now, if you have any quarrel with anybody, the way my husband would settle the issue would gladden your heart. He loved everybody", Lillian explained of her husband.

The 45-year old securityman left behind, two wives, 10 children and a mother. His father died three years ago.

For Edith who can't tell how she would further her education said "I don't know how our education will continue now; I don't know yet. There is nobody to help at the moment. We don't know how to continue with our education without our father.

"My dad is so caring. Nobody can take care of us like our dad. Who is going to be like my dad? Who is going to talk sense into my head like my dad", Edith said.

The late Osaremwinda's direct sister, Mrs. Helen Okungbowa, said "we still don't know who killed him. Only God can unravel that. They have put the whole family into mourning; it is terrible.

"There is nobody to take care of the children at this point in time. We are calling on the public to assist us in fishing out the killers of my brother", she pleaded.