

seriously wounded.

Abducted doctor killed in Benin

A PROMINENT medical doctor in Edo state, Dr Augustine Isemila, was on Saturday night killed by unknown gunmen who attacked him as he headed home after a church service in Benin-city.

The doctor, who is attached to the Nigerian Institute of Oil Palm Research (NIFOR), was abducted by about five gunmen after he

From John Mayaki, Benin
left the church premises at about 9pm.

He was reportedly taken to a nearby bush where the hoodlums shot him dead.

But the police said they were looking beyond assassination. Police spokesman, Peter Ogboi, told our correspondent that the police were also looking at the lead that it could be

armed robbery.

He said that every case of assassination must have a motive behind it. And if such a motive cannot be established, then other leads could be followed.

He said that there had been frequent reports of armed robbery around the NIFOR area, and it might not be unlikely that the incident could be one of such

cases.

He said it could not be ruled out that it could be robbers who might have killed the doctor because he might have failed to cooperate with them.

Whatever case it was, Ogboi, said the state command was investigating. He said the Commissioner of Police had visited the place and directed that the killers should be found.