

# Gunmen kill one in Onitsha

## • Businessman escapes attack

**A**N unidentified middle-aged man has been killed by some gunmen who struck in Onitsha, Anambra State.

The hoodlums mistakenly shot the man when they made to attack their target - a prominent businessman and property developer in Onitsha, Chief Bonaventure Mokwe.

Speaking with reporters in Onitsha, Mokwe said he was attacked by a four-man gang at 3-3 Junction, Onitsha while returning home from a meeting at Nkwelle-Ezunaka in Oyi Local Government Area.

He said he was shot at several times, but was lucky they missed target.

But not so for the middle-aged man, who was passing-by. He was hit and he died on the spot.

The remains of the victim have since been deposited at a mortuary in Onitsha, he said.

Mokwe said: "I had gone to Nkwelle - Ezunaka near Onitsha to see Nnanyelugo Peter Ilobi of Ifite village at about 8:00a.m., and was there till about 10:00a.m. when I returned

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"On my way back, I branched into a land where a Quantity Surveyor was to demarcate the boundary between me and Chief Ejikeme Umeh (SAN)

"As I waited to be shown the boundary, a Japanese car drove past me. It later reversed and pulled up beside me. In the vehicle were four occupants, including the driver, a bespectacled elderly man with a red cap and two others at the back. One of them, a young man, with a face cap, had an AK-47.

"In a jiffy, the occupants came out and the boy opened fire on me. I took to my heels and in the process the unidentified man was killed."

Mokwe said his assailants ran after him and shot at him severally. At some point, he pretended to have died.

The elderly man in the car, he said, came nearer and raised his hands as to confirm if he was dead.

As they made to leave, Mokwe said a man who rode on motorcycle told them to