

# Retired army colonel, wife murdered in Kaduna

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↘ A retired Army Colonel, now into private law practice, Francis Ogbeyi, and his younger wife, Stella, were yesterday murdered at their Kaduna home by persons suspected to be assassins.

↘ The officer, who retired into the law practice, was reportedly shot on the nose and his wife reportedly cut with a machete.

His other two wives were said to have returned from the church at about 10am to find them dead.

Family sources said although the wives live in separate apartments, the other family members wanted to know what was wrong when they perceived burning food.

On getting to the apartment and finding the doors locked, one of the children was said to have climbed into the two-bedroom flat, which the colonel shared with his younger wife.

The boy reportedly raised the alarm when he found that his father and wife were dead.

The bodies were later evacuated and deposited at the mortuary of the St. Gerald Hospital by men of the Sabon-Tasha Divisional Police Station.

→ The assailants reportedly took away the key to the house, a laptop and three mobile phones, belonging to the victims.

Spokesman of the Police Command, Aminu Lawan, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), could not be reached to confirm the report.

But a police source at the Sabon-Tasha Divisional Police Station confirmed the incident.

→ The source, however, said that it was too early to say whether it was a case of armed robbery or an assassination until investigations have been concluded.