

Gunmen kill man, 65, in Edo

• Three children shot

S EVEN gunmen on Saturday night at Ugbowo, Benin, the Edo State capital, killed a 65-year old community head, Mr John Asemota, and three children.

The late Asemota was the Odionwere (clan head) of Power Line community at Ugbowo.

The hoodlums were said to have invaded his home at 9.30pm and shot him in the head and back.

The deceased's son, Mr

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Ogbemudia, Benin

Osemudiamen Asemota, who narrated the incident to reporters, said three of his father's tenants were also shot.

He said while his father died at the spot, his tenants were rushed to the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH) where they are re-

ceiving treatment.

Osemudiamen said the incident was reported at the Ogbowo Divisional Police headquarters. The police promptly arrived at the scene.

He said: "It was the police that took my father's body to the mortuary while they rushed those shot to the hospital for treatment."

Osemudiamen ruled out the possibility of a robbery.

The deceased's son alleged that his father was killed over community matters.

The Ugbowo Divisional Police headquarters confirmed the incident but refused to comment on it.

A police officer at the headquarters, who spoke in confidence, told our reporter that the matter would be handled appropriately.

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