

## NEWS

### Escapee inmate arrested in Benin

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A PRISONER, Ossai Prosper, who escaped on Monday from a warder working with the Nigeria Prisons Service (NPS) in Edo State, has been found.

NPS state Controller Affiong Etowa addressed reporters yesterday in Benin, the state capital, on the development.

The controller said the escapee was found late afternoon near Mission Road by officers of the prison service.

# Gunmen kill 71-year-old cleric in Edo

**G**UNMEN, suspected to be assassins, have killed a 71-year-old cleric, Rev. David Memeh, at his Government Reservation Area (GRA) home in Benin, the Edo State capital.

The late Rev. Memeh, of the Foursquare Gospel Church, was shot twice when the suspected assassins forced their way into

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his home.

It was learnt that the gunmen did not take anything from the building except the cell phones of the victim and his wife.

Wife of the victim, Deaconess Alice, said her husband begged for his life before he was shot.

She said the killers broke

into their apartment through the window in her husband's room, adding that her husband fled to her room.

Alice, who spoke amid tears, said the two killers slapped her husband many times before they killed him.

She said: "I ran out after I heard gunshot for them to kill me but the killers have

left. We were only three at home and they overpowered us."

"My husband is dead. I will appreciate if government arrests the killers."

Police spokesman Stephen Onwochei, a deputy superintendent of Police (DSP), said the command received a report on the killing.

He said the police had begun investigation.