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Gunmen kill 43-year-old hotelier in Kwara



Gunmen suspected to be cult members on Thursday night shot dead the manager of a hotel in Ilorin, Kwara State capital.

The deceased, whose name was given as Anthony Balogun, was the one running the hotel owned by his mother before the incident.

The incident occurred at about 8pm on the ill-fated night inside the premises of the hotel located in Olunlade area of the Ilorin metropolis.

Our correspondent gathered that gunmen numbering about two had come into the hotel and requested to see the manager.

The deceased, who thought they were prospective customers, came out of his room to meet them at the reception.

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The assailants were said to have called him out of the reception and shot him in the chest at close range.

They were said to have stabbed him in the head, hands and legs.

Speaking to our correspondent, an elder sister of the late hotelier, who did not want her name in print, said she had reported the incident to the police.

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She said: "I called around 6:30pm on that day. At about 7pm, he called me back, wanting to pass a piece of information to me.

“I told one of children to pick the call, that I would call him back as I was in the kitchen.

“At about 8pm I returned his call but the phone had been switched off. I repeated the call three times to no avail.

“A few minutes later, the wife called me that I should come to the Kwara State General Hospital, now Kwara State University Teaching Hospital, Ilorin.

“It was at the hospital I met his lifeless body badly mutilated.”

A source at the Ganmo Divisional Police Station, on the outskirts of Ilorin where the case was reported described the incident as a possible case of homicide.

Spokesperson of the state police command, Toun Ejire-Adeyemi, did not respond to a message sent to her WhatsApp page.



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