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Again, another Igbo businessman killed in Bauchi

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TWO weeks after an Igbo business woman, Mrs Lorencia Onunkwo, was killed by yet to be arrested gunmen in front of her house at Fadama Mada area of Bauchi, a prominent Igbo businessman in the state capital, Mr John Udeh, popularly called John Bosco, was on Tuesday evening murdered in front of his house at the Federal Low-cost Housing Estate, Bauchi.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the late John Bosco was trailed by his assailants to his house where he was eventually murdered right in the presence of his wife, who was with him in his Audi car he was driving when the gunmen accosted them.

A resident of the housing estate informed that the assailants, who were said to come on a motorbike, started shooting sporadically into the air to scare away residents.

According to the source, "we started to hear gun shots shortly after Magrib prayer. This sent shivers down the spines of people in the area as everybody ran for dear life. It was later that we heard that the gunmen trailed one Igbo man, Bosco, to his house and killed him in front of his house."

Narrating what happened to journalists, an apprentice with the deceased, Chimezie Ugwu, stated that he went to open the gate for his master when he heard gun shots and ran back, adding that the late Bosco was about to drive in when he was shot.

Another apprentice, Friday Uwakwe, who followed Chimezie to open the gate for their master, said he too ran away when he heard gunshots.

He added that the deceased's wife and two other apprentices were in their master's car as of the time he was killed, saying that by the time he came out from hiding, a neighbour had driven the Audi car with his master inside to the hospital where he was confirmed dead.

On his part, the elder brother of the deceased, who he said left behind four children, Mr Solomon Udeh, lamented the murder of his younger brother, declaring that the killing was an assassination operation.

Meanwhile, efforts made to get the police to react to the incident proved abortive. When the Bauchi State Police Command's spokesman, DSP Haruna Mohammed, picked a call made to him, he said he was at a meeting, adding that he would call back later.

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