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## Agip loses manager to assassins in Port Harcourt

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THE fortunes of the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) took a turn for the worse as one of its managers, Mr Zubairu Olalekan, was felled by the assassins' bullets, on Monday.

Just penultimate Sunday, the premises of Italian oil giant, located in Ebeocha town near Omoku, in Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area of Rivers State, went up in flames, following multiple explosions that caused fire outbreak.

The 42-year-old Olalekan was killed by gunmen in Mgbuoshimiri, in Obio/Akpor Local Government Area at about 7:00a.m. as he was about to leave for work.

The victim, whose wife is heavily pregnant, was the acting Deputy Manager in-charge of Information and Communications (ICT) of the oil company.

It was gathered that the suspected assassins laid siege outside the victim's house and shot him dead immediately he was about driving out.

Sources around the place said the armed men escaped in their tinted **KIA** car without picking an item from him.

The Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Ahmad Muhammad, has confirmed the incident.

He said the victim was shot dead outside his house, adding that the command had intensified efforts to track down the fleeing killers.