

rumours that the police want his name in print, only to discover later that

## Robbers kill Baptist pastor in Ondo, steal motorcycle

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GUNMEN suspected to be armed robbers, on Monday night, shot dead a cleric with the Goodnews Baptist Church, Igbegunrin in Ilaje Local Government Area of Ondo State, Pastor Deji Joshua, after which his motorcycle was taken away.

Pastor Joshua, who was travelling on his motorcycle, was killed on his way home in Okitipupa, head-

quarters of Okitipupa Local Government Area of the state.

According to a source, the cleric was on his motorcycle when the suspected robbers attacked him at Ode Aye and shot him at close range before taking his motorcycle away.

Confirming the development, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Femi Joseph, said the incident occurred around 11:30 p.m

but said the police command had been trying to unravel those behind the killing.

Joseph stated further that the command had commenced investigation into the killing with a pledge to bring the perpetrators to book.

He said: "When we heard about the incident, our men moved to the scene and we saw bullet wounds on his body. We will conduct an autopsy to know

the actual cause of the death."

In his reaction, the state chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria, Reverend John Ayo Oladapo, called on security agencies in the state to fish out the killers of the cleric.

Oladapo said: "We are saddened by the incident and we are imploring the police and other security agencies to fish out the killers and bring them to book."