

Gunmen kill businessman few days to his wedding in Ebonyi

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SUSPECTED assassins have killed an Abakaliki-based businessman, Issac Nnaemeka Chukwu, just few days to his wedding.

Chukwu, popularly known as Ochudo, from Ikwo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, was killed in front of his provisions store on Monday night in Abakaliki.

A relative, who quoted his fiancée, said Chukwu was shot at night after closing one of his shops and was about to enter his car.

He added that the deceased had concluded arrangements for his wedding to his fiancée, Favour Chioma, who was with him when the incident occurred.

The pre-wedding pictures of the couple have gone viral on social media following his death.

The source said: "He has a shop at International Market, where he deals in provisions. He also owns another joint at Chukwuma Ofeke Street, Ameke Aba.

"The incident, according

to his wife-to-be, occurred at about 9:00 p.m. when they had closed the shop and were about to enter their vehicle.

"Some boys accosted them, first shot into the air, then ordered Chukwu to lie down and they shot him three times, collected his fiancée's phone and left."

According to the wedding invitation seen by the **Nigerian Tribune**, the traditional wedding was to take place on April 21, at his fiancée's father's compound in Amaiyima Ekpelu, in Ikwo Local Government.

The white wedding was slated to be held on April 23, at Pastoral Centre, Mile 50, Abakaliki, with the reception at International Conference Centre (ICC), Abakaliki.

When contacted, spokesperson for the state police command, Loveth Odah, said she was not aware of the incident.

She, however, promised to get back after contacting the officer in-charge of the area, but she was yet to do so as of the time of filing this report.