

Gunmen kill Celestial prophet during service in Ogun

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THE spiritual head of Celestial Church of Christ, Eagle Parish, in Idiroko area of Ogun State, Prophet Yomi Adetula, was on Sunday shot dead by three suspected gunmen.

The incident, the *Nigerian Tribune* learnt, occurred dur-

ing a service, when the gunmen were reported to have opened fire on the victim in the full glare of worshippers.

Adetula (54), until his death, was a Commander of the Ogun State So-Safe Security outfit.

A statement issued by the office of the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), had it that the assailants mangled

Adetula's head with axe and were reported to have fled the scene immediately.

The statement reads: "A prophet of Celestial Church of Christ (CCC), Eagle parish, was shot by unknown assailants who opened fire during a church service and the suspects fled.

"On Sunday, January 19, at about 10:30a.m, the Di-

visional Police Officer of Idiroko received a message that someone had been killed at Celestial Church along old Baggagé Road, Odo Eran, Idiroko.

"Police officers raced to the scene and saw one Yomi Adetula, aged about 54 years, lifeless, in the pool of his blood which stained his white Celestial garment lying face up.

"On careful observation, his body was riddled with bullets and his head was not speared, as to ensure the victim was really dead, it [head] was axed.

"On police inquiry, information further revealed that the three men came into the church, brought out a long double-barreled gun, aimed at their target and fired a shot

that brought the deceased down."

The statement said the remains of Adetula had been deposited at the morgue of General Hospital, Ilaro, adding further that efforts were already ongoing by the police to arrest those behind the killing, who were reported to have escaped towards the border area.