

Assassins kill lawyer

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A legal practitioner, Mr. Pedrals Osokpor, was, on Wednesday, killed in Jos, Plateau State.

Osokpor, 39, was killed by men suspected to be armed robbers at Zaria Crescent in the city.

According to an eyewitness, Osokpor was watching the football match between Germany and Italy at a hotel when he heard a commotion.

He came out immediately to find out what was happening, only to run into a gang of robbers.

The hoodlums, thinking

that Osokpor was after them, shot him in the chest at a close range. He slumped and died on the spot.

The suspects were said to have robbed a Lebanese, who was in town to collect money from his debtor.

The debtor reportedly lodged the victim in a hotel till when he will offset the debt the following day.

The death of Osokpor, an Isoko from Delta State, came two weeks after another Isoko indigene, Mr. I. G. Omu, said to be a younger brother of a former Director-General, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Maj.-Gen.

Paul Omu, was killed in a similar manner by men suspected to be hired assassins.

Speaker, Plateau State House of Assembly, Mr. Simon Lalong, has expressed surprise at the spate of armed robbery attacks and assassinations in the state.

Lalong, who spoke to our correspondent in Jos, on Wednesday, said the House would debate on the matter on Thursday (today).

The Police Public Relations Officer, Plateau State Command, Mr. Dominic Iornumbe, who confirmed the story, said that investigations were on to find the killers.