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Benue killings

Onche Egwu, Makurdi

THE Ondo-Ugboju community in the Otukpo Local Government Area of Benue State is now desolate following the killing of two farmers by some gunmen who are yet to be identified.

It was gathered that the two farmers, Adakule Baba and Oche Okopi, were on their way to the farm when they were attacked and killed by the hoodlums last Wednesday.

Our correspondent learnt that since the incident, the community had been thrown into confusion as the residents had continued to flee to other villages in the Ugboju and Adoka districts for safety.

Commenting on the incident, the Caretaker Chairman of Otukpo LGA, Mr. Ijachi Ude, an indigene of the affected community, told *The PUNCH* on the telephone that the two victims were on their way to their farms when they were killed.

He said a search team later found their mutilated bodies in the bush and deposited them in a mortuary at Otukpo.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Moses Yamu, confirmed the incident, saying one of the suspects had been arrested while investigation was ongoing.

PDP misrule

Tony Okafor, Awka

THE National Treasurer of the All Progressives Congress, Chief George Moghalu, on Sunday described the 16-year reign of the Peoples Democratic Party in the country as a nightmare to the people of the South-East geopolitical zone.

Addressing journalists in Awka, the Anambra State capital, Moghalu said it would baffle any right thinking citizen what the area benefited for their 16-year support for the PDP.

He said, "Federal infrastructure in the zone during the period under review was a sad commentary."

Moghalu listed the facilities in sorry states in the zone to include roads, health care, seaport and airport.

"No one is still left in doubt about why it was easy to sweep them out nationwide since it was the popular wish of Nigerians for a change.

The PDP, in his views, lacked the morality to face the people of the area to ask for the people's votes anymore.

He added, "The electorate in the zone were deceived with phantom contracts for the Onitsha-Enugu highway 9th Mile-Opi Nsukka-Otukpa highway, Oba-Nnewi-Okigwe highway, Enugu-Port Harcourt highway, Uzo Uwani-Omor-Nsugbe-Onitsha-highway and Umuoba Anam-Kogi-FCT highway, among others.

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