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## Gunmen kill ex-oil worker, injure son

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Unknown gunmen have shot dead a middle-age man along Siluko road in Oredo Local Government Area of Edo State.

Although the victim's identity could not be ascertained, it was learnt that he was a retired staff of a multinational oil company based in Delta State.

He was said to have returned home with his family to Benin before the incident occurred on Friday evening.

A source in the area said that the deceased was in a white Hilux vehicle with his family when a group of armed men suddenly emerged from a black Toyota Highlander and shot him at a close range.

He was said to have been shot in the head while his son was reportedly injured after he was hit by the same bullet.

The incident was said to have attracted a crowd of sympathisers as the distraught wife of the deceased screamed for help.

A pump-action gun was said to have been found at the back seat of Hilux vehicle belonging to the victim.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Moses Nkombe, confirmed the incident.

Nkombe, however, dismissed the speculation that the killing was cult related, adding that it may have been a case of an assassination.

The police spokesman also told our correspondent on Saturday that the son of the deceased was responding to treatment while the wife was unhurt.

Nkombe said, “Yes, somebody was shot yesterday (Friday). The body was taken to a morgue. Investigation is on.

“They (assailants) did not stop; they just shot him and continued the movement. So, we are on the trail of the suspects now; the police are investigating.

”The man was a retired Shell worker. It is like a case of an assassination; they did not stop. They just shot him.”

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