

Gunmen kill Imo businessman

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Gunmen on Thursday assassinated a businessman based in the Oguta Local Government Area of Imo State.

The businessman, Linus Nmuo, popularly known as Sakatan, was killed at his country home at Umuezikegbu in Egbuoma community in the Oguta LGA in the early hours of the day.

A family source who doesn't want to be mentioned told our correspondent in Owerri that on arrival, the attackers went to their victim's house and dragged him out.

They shot him repeatedly and made sure he died before they left the scene.

The source said, "Livinus Nmuo, AKA Sakatan from Umuezikegbu Egbuoma in Oguta LGA Imo State, has been assassinated. He was killed in the early hours of today, Thursday, November 30, 2023. He was my cousin."

The spokesperson for the police in the state, Henry Okoye, had yet to respond to an inquiry concerning the murder case when *PUNCH Metro* reached out to him for confirmation.

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Our correspondent recalls that a few days ago, the Divisional Police Officer of the Ahiazu Mbaise LGA, another policeman and a civilian were shot dead by criminals.

A day earlier, the traditional ruler of Otulu community in the Ezinihitte Mbaise LGA, Eze Joe Achulor, was killed.

The body of the monarch was found on the roadside at Mbutu Community in the neighbouring Aboh Mbaise LGA.

Also, a few days earlier, the ward chairman of the People Democratic Party in the Ife/Akpodim/Chokoneze ward in the Ezinihitte Mbaise LGA of the state, Chiedoziem Anyanwu, was shot dead in the presence of his wife.

On arrival, his killers demanded to see him. Immediately they confirmed that he was the one they were looking for, they shot him repeatedly and made sure that he was dead before they left the scene.