

# Gunmen kill three Okomu oil employees in Edo

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Three staff members of Okomu Oil Palm Company PLC were killed by gunmen on Monday while working on their plantation in Benin, Edo State.

The Public Relations Officer of the company, Fidelis Olise, who confirmed this to *PUNCH Metro*, on Tuesday, said the killing was done by “unknown persons.”

He stated the company enjoyed a cordial relationship with the host communities in the area, noting that he could not say whether members of the communities were involved in the attack.

He said the incident had been reported the the police and an investigation was already going on.

He said, “I can confirm to you that three of our staff members were killed by gunmen on Monday while they were working on our plantation.

“We enjoy cordial relationship with the communities around us and we cannot say whether members of the communities were involved. However, the matter has been reported to the police and we hope justice will be done,” he added.

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The state Commissioner of Police, Funsho Adegboye, said more men had been deployed by the state command to the area to forestall a repeat of the attack, noting that it was shocking that the gunmen could carry out such an attack.