

We selected you, because what most of those who made comments about you, which of course, a lot of things have been said, was that you have some unique attributes as a person.

"You have so many friends from the North to the South, from the West to the East.

a place, but some people become slaves to the tribe they belong. In Nigeria, we are all religious people but some people take religion to a level that becomes a bit uncomfortable. As long as Nigeria is a secular society, your religion shouldn't influence your decisions."

Ex-council boss killed in Imo

From **GEORGE ONYEJIUWA, Owerri**

Ogada Atta community in Ikeduru Local Government Area of Imo State, was thrown into mourning at the weekend, following the murder of Mr. Brendan Oguine, former council chairman of Ikeduru Local Council Area.

It was reliably gathered that gunmen suspected to be hired assassins stormed his country-home at night and shot him dead.

The wife of the deceased, Mrs. Josephine Oguine, alleged that the armed men were not robbers as they thought initially, but hired assassins, who came purposely to kill her husband.

"The hoodlums did not remove anything from the house; at least, not anything that I know. They only came to take the life of my husband and that was what they actually did," the widow said.

Mrs. Oguine further narrated that the armed men had scaled the perimeter fence to gain entrance into

the house, adding that they had initially held her second son captive and inquired from him the whereabouts of his father. She recalled that, while this was going on, a voice from outside asked if they were sure the house was that of their target and one of those inside answered in the affirmative, pointing out that they had seen the man's photograph inside the house."

She pointed out that the hoodlums initially asked for money, which she said was not available and that she was pointedly told by the armed men that they had definite instructions.

"They ordered me to face downwards and that I should stop looking at their faces unless I want them to shoot me. Not long after, my husband came out from his room and asked the hoodlums who they were and what they wanted in his house," the woman said.

When contacted, Police Public Relations Officer, Joy Elemoko (DSP), confirmed the incident and that investigation was in progress.