Gunmen kill Bayelsa youth leader

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unmen in the early hours of yesterday dead one Morris Jonathan, the youth leader of the Peremabiri oil-rich community in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State

The 34-year-old civil servant was gunned down in his residence at Akempai, a suburb of Yenagoa, the state capital.

Investigations revealed that the gunmen numbering about six, had pretended to be concerned youths of Peremabiri community that needed his advice on some issues.

Shortly after they entered his premises, the gang shot sporadically

and gained access into their target's bedroom where they shot him dead.

Neighbours, who heard the gunshot and rushed to the scene, said the gunmen did not take anything from the room before they escaped.

The body of the deceased was immediately removed and deposited at the morgue of the Federal Medical Centre, Yenagoa.

The state Commis-

sioner of Police, Hilary Opara, who confirmed the incident, said the assailants did not remove any valuable or cash from the home of the deceased.

"My DPO called me early in the morning to inform me of the murder case," Opara said, adding that the police had not made any arrest. However, he assured that investigation was ongoing.