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## Gunmen kill police sergeant in Benue

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Benue State Police Command has launched a manhunt for gunmen, **who killed a policeman, Sergeant Bawa Ekoja, attached to 'Operation Dzenda' in Makurdi, the state capital.**

The command's image-maker, Daniel Ezeala (SP), in a telephone chat with Daily Sun, said Ekoja was going back home after closing from night duty at a hotel located in Ankpa Quarters, Makurdi, **when the assailants in an ash Toyota Camry car shot him in his back.**

Ezeala, explained that the deceased policeman was on his motorcycle when the gunmen shot him and he died immediately, adding that his corpse had been deposited at the morgue of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Makurdi.

He vowed that the command would not rest on its oars until the criminals were apprehended and made to face the wrath of the law.

Although, it was not clear at the time of filing the report why the gunmen were after Ekoja, it would be recalled that the state Governor, Dr. Gabriel Suswam, had last week, raised the alarm over the spate of insecurity in the state.

Checks by Daily Sun also revealed that cultists' activities had continued to be on the rise in the state in recent times, with no fewer than five persons already killed in the last one month in cult-related circumstances.

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