

# Pastor killed in Onitsha

• 5 in soup for killing lady in hotel

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**1** **Gunmen** have killed the assistant pastor of a church in Okpoko, near Onitsha, Anambra State. The police public relations officer in the state, Mr. Haruna Mohammed, confirmed the incident in a statement.

He said: "The command received a complaint at Okpoko Division that on December 18, 2018, at about 4am, three unknown men scaled the fence of Christ Holy Church, located at 30, Orumba Street, Okpoko, and forcefully entered the room of the assistant pastor, Justice Nonso Njigbo, male, 26, and inflicted a deep machete cut on his forehead, shot and injured him on the left thigh and made away with phones of the occupants.

"Police detectives attached to Okpoko Division visited the scene and rushed the victim to St. Charles Boro-meo Hospital, Onitsha, where he was confirmed dead on arrival. Body deposited in the same hospital's morgue for autopsy while effort is being intensified to apprehend the assailants and bring them to justice."

Mohammed equally confirmed the arrest of five persons for allegedly killing Gold Gift, 35, and dumping her body at Dennis Memorial Grammar School (DMGS) roundabout, in Onitsha. The two prime suspects had on December 5, 2018, lured Gift to a hotel and killed her after having unlawful carnal knowledge with the victim.

He disclosed that the suspects were arrested on Monday at about 4pm following intelligence report, and police detectives attached to Central Police Station, Onitsha, swooped on them. He gave the names of the prime suspects as Okoronji, 24, of 16, Park Lane, and Umezinwa, 24, of 110, Agulu Avenue, Nkpor Agu, near Onitsha.

According to him, "preliminary investigation further revealed that the victim was later taken by the hotel staff and dumped at DMGS roundabout, Onitsha."

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