



Robbers raid filling station, kill manager

Gunmen believed to be robbers yesterday shot dead 56-year-old Assistant Manager of Total Filling Station on Upper New Market Road, Onitsha, Anambra State.

When our correspondent visited the scene, the body of the victim, Mr. Edwin Odo, was still lying in a pool of blood.

An Area Commander, Ahhaji Yahaya Abubakar and the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Central Police, Onitsha, Mr. Ikechuku Egbochuku, as well as other security agents numbering over 40, condoned off the area.

A witness said two men came into the filling station pretending to buy fuel but one of them suddenly pulled out an AK47 and shouted: "Where is the money? Where is the money?" and went straight to the assistant manager and shot him in the forehead.

The witness said the robbers shot another person buying engine oil in the leg before they zoomed off.

Another witness, who claimed to be a nearby trader, said the two robbers who rode on a motorcycle, were also knocked into the gutter by a moving vehicle.

The witness, however, said the robbers were not hurt. According to him, they jumped out of the gutter, shot sporadically into the air, dragged out their motorcycle and fled through Ozomagala Street.

The deceased, who hailed from Enugu Ezike in Igbo Eze North Local Government Area of Enugu State, was married and has children.

Sympathisers described Odo as a honest, dedicated and committed person who was friendly and easy going.

When contacted on the phone, the DPO said he would call back but he never did at press time.

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