

Gunmen murder clergyman in Ekiti

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Unknown assailants again struck on Friday and murdered a clergyman, Revd Johnson Oladimeji along Igbara-Odo-Ikere-Ekiti road, Ikere Local Government Area, Ekiti State

It was gathered that Oladimeji, a presiding cleric of Ilesha Baptist Church Ikere-Ekiti was killed along the road by gunmen suspected to be kidnappers around 5pm when he was returning to Ikere-Ekiti after an official assignment in Osun State.

A source in his church who spoke on condition of

anonymity said the family members launched a search on the pastor on Friday before his corpse was found in his car along the road with gun shot wounds.

The source said, "The man was returning from Osun State on Thursday evening and decided to make use of the Igbara-Odo route to Ikere-Ekiti when he was ambushed and shot dead by gunmen in the evening.

"After series of calls to his phone numbers with no response, members of the church decided to start searching for him and he

was found dead this evening (Friday) in his car along the road close to the University of Education and Technology in Ikere-Ekiti."

The source explained that the incident was reported at the Igbara-Odo police station before his corpse was evacuated to the morgue.

Confirming the killing, the President of Ekiti Baptist Church, Revd Adeyinka Aribasoye said the deceased had traveled to see his mother at Ipetu Ijesa in Osun State and was returning from the journey when the incident occurred.

He said, "The incident is synonymous to a kidnapping case that went wrong, maybe he refused to stop for the abductors thus making them to open fire on him.

"The family was already expecting him but when they found out that he was taking too late they began to make series of contacts and search before they found out that he had been killed on the road."

But, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) ASP Sunday Abutu told journalists he was not aware of the incident.

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The state Commissioner for Health, Dr. Tomi Coker made

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Coker, who was represented

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