

Gunmen kill Benue monarch's son, kidnap daughter



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Some gunmen in the early hours of yesterday attacked Ikpomolokpo palace in Gege ward of Ado Local Government Area of Benue State, killing the son of the monarch and abducting the daughter.

It was learnt that while the attack lasted, villagers heard several gunshots coming from the residence of the monarch.

Chairman of the local government area, Chief James Oche, who confirmed the incident to journalists in Makurdi, said, "Some gunmen at about 2am today (Monday) entered into the

residence of the clan head of Ipomoloko through the fence and asked for the wife of the clan head from the son whose name is Thompson.

"The young man told them that he did not know the whereabouts of his mother and they shot him dead and they now took the sister away"

The council chairman said though he alerted troops of Operation Whirl Stroke (OPWS), the gunmen had gone into Atiga forest before they arrived.

He, however, added that the troops had launched a manhunt for the gunmen.

Court rules on contempt