

IPMAN Member, Wife, Servants Slaughtered

An Aba-based executive and a member of the Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN), Mr Christian Michael, was on Monday night slaughtered at his home along with his wife, brother, housemaid and house boy, by persons suspected to be hired assassins.

An eyewitness account Michael, who was the chief executive of both Essential Suits, Abuja, and Essential Oil, had his throat cut by the assassins with his mouth sealed with adhesive tape, while his hands were tied behind his back, and meted the same treatment to others.

A close associate of the murdered businessman described him as "a progressive young man in his early 30s, saying that his 'slaughter confounded his friends, as no body could hazard a guess why assassins called on him and his family."

He said before the deaths, Michael had on Sunday night held a meeting with Ngwa IPMAN members in Aba, adding that it was not clear if he quarrelled with any person at the meeting to warrant such a gruesome attack.

Speaking on the incident, the state Commissioner of Police, Mr Samson Wudah, said the police has swung into action to unravel the mystery.

Wudah said the killing could

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be the product of a business transaction that had gone awry or land dispute, which the parties could

Lagos Council Sells Fake

Youths, market women and leaders of thought in Ikeja Local Government, yesterday stormed the Lagos State Secretariat, Alausa, protesting the alleged sale of fake 100 General Certificate of Education (GCE) forms worth N1.8million, by the Chairman, Mr Wale Odu.

Led by elder S. Kalejaye, the protesters, with placards bearing inscriptions like: "fake forms flood Ikeja Council Sabotages Future," and "Did Odu Buy the Fake GCE Form West African Examination Council (WAEC), the answer is NO," among others.

According to Kalejaye, youths of the area have experienced the kind of ship they go through under leadership of the suspected Chairman, Honourable Owokoniran, "please remove this man o! Owo did not do such things youths," he said.

It was gathered that

not settle peacefully.

He called on the public to come forward with any information that could help the police solve the murder riddle, promising that every piece of information would be treated with absolute confidence.

By Deji Elumoye

pecting youths from the council were turned back at their various examination centres by WAEC supervisors and invigilators, for carrying fake documents, not even their pleas and desperate could salvage the situa-

rding to them, some late students were by WAEC officials and over to the Police in centers, but have been on bail, after it was that the forms were in the council.

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you don't address our or punish the chairman ely for toying with our shall not attend tomorrow) launching of AC" sing the protesters on of Governor Bola Special Adviser on