

# Gunmen kill NIFOR medical doctor

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**B**ENIN — A MEDICAL doctor in Edo state attached to the Nigerian Institute for Oil Palm Research (NIFOR), Benin City, Dr. Augustine Isemila was weekend shot dead by gunmen suspected to be assassins as he was heading home after a church service.

*Vanguard* learnt that Dr Isemila was abducted by the gunmen numbering five after he left the church premises at about 9pm last Saturday. He was said to have been taken to a nearby bush where several gunshots was fired on him before the hoodlums escaped.

It would be recalled that the

Edo state police Commissioner, Mr Bala Hassan had last week held a meeting with the chairmen of political parties in the state including their gubernatorial aspirants, warning against assassination plots against each other.

They were all mandated to sign an undertaking, promising to play the game peacefully. Spokesman of the Edo state Police Command ASP Peter Ogboi who confirmed the incident to *Vanguard* condemned the killing and vowed that the command would ensure that those who cut the life of the medical doctor short was apprehended.