

Gunmen kill one in church attack

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ENUGU—A group of gunmen on Monday stormed the premises of the Christian Victory Prayer Ministry, Enugu destroying property worth millions of naira and killing one of the faithful.

Among property destroyed in the attack were electrical plant, about 6,000 plastic chairs, speakers, Nissan Sunny car, Toyota 4 runner, and Toyota Corolla car. Thousands of naira were also stolen from the faithful including the deceased's son who lost N150,000.

Founder of the church, Pastor Dan Obinegbo, who conducted reporters round the scene said that the man who was killed by the hoodlums came for healing with his child from Efium in Ebonyi State.

Obinegbo said the gunmen who stormed the church premises at about 11am and carried out the operation which lasted till 1pm, fired several shots into the air before they gained entry into the church.

He said that one of his pastors, Etchukwu Ometi who was praying for the sick and pregnant women at the

the church advised the members not to panic or run away.

The founder said the inmate from Ebonyi State in an attempt to escape from the scene was caught along with his son who were seriously tortured by the hoodlums. The man, he added, may have died as a result of pains sustained from the beating.

"The robbers caught him, beat him up and fell him on the ground. One of the robbers jumped on his chest and lifted block and hit him straight on the chest. The sick man who was a day before the incident recuperating cried out and gave in the spirit. That was how the man died," he narrated.

French centre to teach Mandarin

ENUGU—MANDARIN will soon be introduced at the French Centre in Enugu, to facilitate communication between business persons in Nigeria's South East and their Chinese counterparts.

A Deputy Director at the Centre Nicholas Michalland said in Enugu that the inclusion would increase the number of languages offered by the centre to five.

Michalland is in charge of teaching and documentation in South East and the Niger Delta region at the centre.

Other foreign languages offered at the centre are French,

Michelland expressed the determination of the centre to facilitate economic and bilateral relations between people in the zone and their foreign counterparts.

He urged business persons and others interested in learning new languages to avail themselves of the opportunity offered by the centre in order to enhance economic and other ties with China.

Michelland said the centre had witnessed an increase in enrolment since universities in Nigeria embarked on strike few weeks ago.

"We have at least 200