

# Gunmen kill Edo AC youth leader

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**B**ENIN—THE Action Congress (AC) youth leader for ward 10, Oredo Local Government Council of Edo State, Mr. Osagie Obaseki was weekend shot dead by armed men suspected to be hired assassins.

Meanwhile, the Action Congress in the state has condemned the attack, declaring that it was politically

motivated.

*Vanguard* learnt that the incident which occurred at about 10pm last Saturday, ~~caused pandemonium at the Apostolic lane, Sakpoba Road residence of the deceased, as residents of the area ran helter skelter, fearing that armed robbers had invaded the area.~~

It was gathered that the suspected assassins numbering about eight, first of all demanded for money when they

arrived. Consequently, Osagie brought out all the money in his possession which amounted to N68,000 and handed it over to them.

It was said that the bandits stepped out with the money but received a phone call outside the compound from an unknown caller which prompted them to return to the room where the deceased was carrying his little child who was crying because of the gun shot noise and orders from the bandits.

*Vanguard* learnt that he was shot at the back after which the hoodlums escaped after shooting sporadically.

When *Vanguard* visited the scene yesterday, stains of blood were observed in the sitting room while sympathisers thronged the place trying to console his family.

*Vanguard* could not speak to the deceased's widow, Mrs. Helen Obaseki because she was sleeping. The brother to the woman, who identified himself as Bobo said that she had not been able to sleep since the incident, so she was put under anesthesia to enable her sleep.

Contacted, the Police spokesman in the state, ASP Peter Ogboi told *Vanguard* that the incident was yet to be reported to the command, adding however that he would find out from the DPO in charge of Esigie Police Station.

## y suspends two lecturers

suspension took effect from late last year.

Briefing the press on the scheduled 109th regular meeting of the council, Rector of Rivpoly, Prof. B.B. Fakae said stiffer penalties await lecturers that extort money from students, stating, "they will henceforth be dismissed if the allegation is proven against such lecturers".

Fakae who said cultism in the school had expired, drawing attention to the horror witnessed by the school community in a cult-related incident, before his administration took off, where a "whole man was tied and bur-

ied alive". He said the school was usually deserted "even during examinations".

Again, the rector said convocations were not held for several sessions only for the current management to combine the 11th -13th convocations which had since been held, where about 7,967 were awarded various certificates.

Giving account of some of the changes in the school he said, cigarette smoking and consumption of alcohol had been totally banned. Moral code of dressing has equally been effected, part of which has caused female and male students to observe strict decent dressing pattern.