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Nigeria: Gunmen Kill Accountant in Yenagoa

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Fear yesterday gripped the Yenizue-Gene suburb of Yenagoa, Bayelsa State when

some unknown gunmen shot dead an accountant attached to the state Government House.

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The killing of the accountant which occured between 2.45pm and 3pm is coming barely a week after the killing of three soldiers, four civilians and an inspector in two separate incidents in the Nembe waterways and Sagbama by unknown gunmen.

The deceased accountant whose name was given as Mr. Austin Ogbobio was until his death one of the accountants attached to the Governor's office

Reports say the deceased was trailed to his newly rented apartment along the Erepa road. Yenizue-Gene where he was shot at close range by his assailants.

Nobody could really say why he was killed as there is conflicting account of the dastardly act which caused serious panic and wailing in the neighbourhood

One account had it that the deceased was trailed to his apartment where he was having discussion with some workmen around when he was accosted by two armed men who shot him at close range and disappeared in a waiting car.

The bullet was said to have pierced through the side of his heart killing him on the spot before sympathizers could come to his aid.

Another version to the incident had it that the deceased who had earlier Another version to the incident had it that the deceased who had earlier in the day complained to some close confidents that he could not understand his body chemistry had gone to his building site along Azikoro road to assess the level of work only to return to his apartment on Erepa road where he was gunned down by the yet to be identified assailants in the presence of one of his wives.

The gunmen were said to have disappeared with the briefcase he was carrying when they shot him fuelling speculation that they might have been robbers.

Government House was thrown into mourning when the news of the tragic incident filtered in as some of his colleagues were shell

Some sympathizers and families members who visited the Federal Medical Centre mortuary to actually confirm the story wailed uncontrollably on sighting his lifeless body raining curses on his killers.

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Some family members who took away his devastated wife were heard lamenting that the killers could have been assassins sent Crime and Corruption
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to snuff life out their breadwinner as nothing tangible was taken away from him. Efforts to get the comment of the state commissioner of police, Mr. Julian Okpaleke proved abortive.

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