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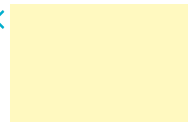
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BURUTU—A policeman attached to Burutu Police Division, Delta State, was reportedly killed on Monday by a barber during an attempt to arrest the suspect on allegation of some criminal activities, including oil theft and illegal oil bunkering.

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According to the Burutu community Public Relations Officer, Napoleon Kanerekedi, the policeman simply [identified](#) as Akintunde, in company of his colleague, had gone to the residence of the suspect to arrest him.

The suspect, who pretended he was going into his apartment to dress up, came out with a gun and shot the policeman at close range.



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He said: “While his colleague fled the scene of the incident, Akintunde was [confirmed](#) dead after he was rushed on a motorcycle to the Burutu General Hospital.”

Condemning the incident, the Burutu clan chairman, Ijaw Youth Council, IYC, Binebai Princewill, said: “The parents of the suspect, who is from Kiagbodo community, have been [detained](#) at Burutu Police Station.

“Youths from the town, in [collaboration](#) with security agents, are searching for the suspect.”

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Andrew Aniamaka, said: “We just got report of the incident and we are investigating, with plans to bring the culprit to book.”

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