

## Pandemonium as gunmen invade burial, kill late woman's son

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**BENIN**—The remains of one Deaconess Taiwo Albert that was laid in state in Benin, the Edo State capital, were abandoned as gunmen invaded the venue of the ceremony, killing her son, Dupe Idahor.



Gun

It was gathered that family members and sympathisers, who thronged the TV Road venue to pay their last respects to the late 84-year-old woman, took to their heels when they heard gunshots rending the air.

An eyewitness said: “We all scampered for safety, abandoning the corpse of the 82-year-old woman, Deaconess Taiwo Albert, which was laid in state.”

The victim, Dupe Idahor, 42-year-old, was said to be under a canopy with friends and relatives when the gunmen arrived in a car and opened fire on him.

The eyewitness said after killing, the armed men abandoned their operational vehicle, snatched another car belonging to the deceased's friend and sped off.

The car was recovered yesterday by the Police.

However, the body of the woman was later laid to rest Sunday morning.

A family member, who confided in *Vanguard*, alleged that a friend of their brother organised the attack that led to his death.

It was gathered that a suspect has been arrested by the Police.

Edo State Police spokesman, DSP Chidi Nwanbuzor, said he was yet to get details of the killing, promising to contact the Textile Mill Police station DPO.