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Tears as 2 siblings murdered by suspected assassins in Aba are buried in Imo

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ABA—Tears flowed freely Saturday at Umungwa, Obowo Local Government Area of Imo State, as the remains of two children, Bright and Victory Chima, strangled to death were buried.

The deceased, Bright Chima 7, and Victory Chima 9, were reportedly strangled to death by suspected assassins.

They were left at home alone by their parents who went to the market on Good Friday at Abayi Ogbuligba, Osisioma LGA, Abia State.

During the funeral service, Evangelist Christian Ofoegbu of the Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion, St Stephens Parish Church, Umungwa, warned that God's judgement would soon locate those who carried out the killings.

He said although the masterminds of the dastardly act might seem to have succeeded, the victims are being comforted in heaven.

Later in an interview with newsmen, the father of the deceased, Mr Chima Osuagwu, fingered his kinsman (name withheld) as the mastermind of the dastardly act.

He said the said kinsman, who sponsored and supplied the perpetrators with hard drugs, is already in police net.

According to him, the said mastermind visited his shop at Ariaria International market and threatened to "consume" his children since his plans to kill him (Chima) had been failing.

He said the suspect also visited his shop in his absence on the day his children were killed and when he saw him returning he ran off exclaiming that the wizard had arrived.

The trader, who spoke in an emotion-laden voice, said he had expected the Abia State government to intervene in the matter to ensure justice for him and his family but regretted that ever since he had been left to bear his cross alone.

Osuagwu, who said he spent about N500,000 on autopsy alone, lamented that nobody came to his aid.

He said: "A situation like this leaves me with painful feelings for myself, family and poor Nigerians, who may be involved in cases requiring autopsy to prove the cause of death.

"It means that if such a person cannot afford the cost of the autopsy, the culprit would be made to go free and continue in his wickedness.