

Estate agent, 61, shot dead during church service in Ilorin

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ILORIN—A Sixty-one-year-old Estate Agent based in Ilorin, the Kwara state capital, Mr Sina Babarinde, was Sunday morning reportedly shot to death by gunmen during a church service at the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), Living Word Parish, Basin Road, Ilorin.

Vanguard reliably gathered that the victim who had a call while inside the church during the service, walked out of the church to receive the call.

Sina, according to one of the church members, was about speaking with the caller from the other end, when he was shot several times in the head by the waiting gunmen.

The attackers, who were within the precinct of the church, also fired several shots into the air to scare members

who trooped out of the church on hearing the gunshots as the gunmen ran away in a waiting car.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Okasanmi Ajayi, who confirmed the incident to journalists, yesterday, said that investigation was ongoing to arrest the perpetrators.

Okasanmi Ajayi said that the incident happened during the 7:00 am church service of the RCCG.

He said: "Late Sina Babarinde was called on the phone and as he walked out of the church to receive the call, the sound of gunshots rent the air, which drew the attention of the congregation.

"As at the time the congregation got out of the church to see what was happening, it was discovered that the estate agent was already in the pool of his blood.

"It was discovered that he was shot on the head."