

# Gunmen kill couple in Delta

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**A** S A B A —  
APPREHENSION has enveloped Ekwuoma-Abavo in Ika South Local Government Area, Delta State, following the reported murder of a couple by unknown gunmen.

The couple, parents of a set twins, were identified as Chidi and Rita Edebor, a hair dresser, *Vanguard* gathered were killed.

A source in the area said they heard a sound around 8 pm but, nobody expected it to be a gunshot, lamenting that Chidi was later found dead in front of his house while Rita was found in a pool of blood from gunshot wounds, rushed to General Hospital, Abavo, where she gave up the ghost.

The source, who pleaded anonymity, said the only person who could have given the correct information was a little child of three years, who was with the victims at the time of the incident.

"The child could not explain what actually happened but said the men were two, armed and wore face masks," the source said.

Another source, who also pleaded anonymity, said: "Clearly, the gunmen are assassins and not armed robbers. They did not enter into the victims' house; the couple were seated outside their house when they were killed by the suspected assassins."

Meanwhile, remains of the victims have been deposited at the mortuary.

Our correspondent gathered that policemen attached to the Abavo Police Station have begun investigations into the matter with a view to apprehending the killers and bringing them to book.

Elder brother of Chidi, Mr. Friday Edebor, who spoke to newsmen, said both families were still in shock over the murder of Chidi and Rita.

The Police authority in the state could not be reached at press time, as calls put across to the Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Bright Edafe were unsuccessful.