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Gunmen kill deputy Local Government chairman

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The Deputy Chairman of Osisioma Local Government, Abia state, Solomon Macho, has been shot and killed by gunmen.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) learnt that Macho was killed around 10 p.m. on Monday in his house at Osokwa.

A police officer at the Central Police Station in Aba confirmed the incident on the condition of anonymity and alleged that the man was killed by hired assassins.

The officer ruled out kidnap attempt and said that preliminary investigation showed that the gunmen came for the deceased, adding that investigation into the matter was ongoing.

NAN reports that the incident paralyzed activities at the council secretariat as workers expressed shock at the incident, describing Macho as a peace loving progressive politician.

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