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A first class traditional ruler in Edo State, the Enogie of Ugolo in Ovia South-west Local Government Area Solomon Udobor was at the weekend murdered in Benin.

Solomon Udolor aged 55, was said to have been killed at 7.21pm Friday by unknown gunmen who stormed his Benin residence.

Although the cause of the murder has yet to be ascertained, sources say it may be connected to the Enogieship tussle between Ugolo town and Etete, a village close to Ugolo.

The widow of the dead traditional ruler Mrs Esther Udolor said her late husband was crowned the Enogie of Ugolo clan in 1980 after his father who was the then Enogie died. She said trouble began two years ago when another Enogie was crowned in Etete village, a development which did not go down well with the palace as those involved were sanctioned.

She alleged that her late husband was threatened several times, but that he did not report the matter to the police because the Oba of Benin was already handling the matter.

Meanwhile, police have arrested three persons in connection with the killing.

Confirming the arrest, the Divisional Police Officer in Ugbowo CSP Kunle Olusokan said the suspects would soon be transferred to the state police headquarters.

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