

voted him into power.

In a congratulatory statement issued in Lagos yesterday and signed by its national president, Comrade Bobboi Bala Kaigama and the Secretary-General, Comrade Alade Bashir Lawal, the union stated that

There is no doubting the fact that the challenges that lay ahead are enormous. We nonetheless believe that with hard-work, perseverance, and selfless service to our fatherland, you will overcome and move the country to the next

they are governed as free citizens entitled to fundamental human rights in a democratic society," the union said.

It stressed that the world is watching the president-elect to see how he would fare in his second

and lift Nigeria to greater heights by addressing the myriads of problems facing the country including economic problems, infrastructural decay, energy crisis, joblessness and on top of it all corruption," the union added.

## Labour Party House of Assembly candidate assassinated in Imo

From Johnkennedy Uzoma, Owerri

The House of Assembly candidate of Labour Party in Ngor Okpala constituency of Imo State, Andrew Ugwuezumba, has been

murdered. The 40-year-old man who hails from Umunehi village, Obiangwu Autonomous Community, was said to have been shot dead about 08:00pm on Tuesday night along the Sam Mbakwe International Cargo Airport road.

The victim, according to a source was killed while on his way home after a campaign rally at Umuowa community in Ngor Okpala.

It was gathered that the assailants trailed the LP candidate in an unmarked vehicle from the venue of the rally, shot him at a junction and abandoned his corpse.

Some of his supporters who were in the same car with him sustained injuries from the attack and are currently receiving treatment in a hospital. In the same vain, another indigene of Ngor Okpala Local Government Area, Bennett Nnaji popularly known as "Coach" who hails from Umuekwune Umuorisha in

Umuohiagu Autonomous Community was also murdered by unidentified gunmen.

Nnaji, 54, was killed at Umuowa, a few meters away from the Airport Junction, along Aba road while returning home from his maternal home, Ndiama Ulakwo in Owerri North Local Government Area.

The father of three, who resides in Abuja, was in the village for the elections, *Daily Trust* gathered.

Reacting to the incident, the governorship candidate of LP in Imo State, Barrister Ngozi Olehi, said that he received news of the death of the candidate with shock. He described the incident as unfortunate and condemnable.