

Gunmen kill APC chieftain, wife, son in Rivers

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Rivers State Commissioner of Police, Musa Kimo yesterday confirmed the murder of ward 4 chairmen of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Omoku, Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni local government area of Rivers State, Franklin Obi alongside his wife, Ihuoma and 18-year-old son, Bestman.

The Police commissioner who spoke to journalists shortly after paying a condolence visit to the family of the deceased in Omoku said the gunmen invaded the deceased house about 9.00pm on Saturday, beheaded the deceased, and also killed his wife and a teenage son.

He said, "I am here to commiserate with the family of the deceased and assess the security situation here in Omoku with the intention to put urgent security measures in place to forestall future occurrence. The DPO of the area was informed about the incident from Port Harcourt. We cannot be everywhere. I plead with the people of Omoku to abide in us and give us timely information. Probably if they called the Police early, the killers could have been arrested. At least they were there for about 20 minutes before they left." Earlier, the daughter of the deceased, Rose Obi informed the Police commissioner that she watched the gunmen behead his father.

The State chapter of APC said the killing of its ward Chairman came as a shock to them. The publicity secretary of the party, Chris Finebone in a text message he sent to our reporter, said, "The killing of Franklin Obi is shocking. Late Franklin was APC ward 4 chairman. He moderated the ONELGA APC meeting last Thursday in Omoku and by Saturday he was killed along with his wife and son."