

to the governor, Samuel Aruwan, said the State Executive Council decided to honour the late governor by naming the hospital after him.

offices in Kaduna State. He was deputy governor and then governor, before his unfortunate demise in a helicopter crash," the statement said.

## Sen Offia died in a pond - Police

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**From Nabob Ogonna,  
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The Nigeria Police in Ebonyi State have confirmed that the Second Republic Senator Martin Offia Nwali died in a pond.

The Police Public Relations Officer, ASP George Okafor, gave this information to journalists yesterday in Abakaliki.

He said Nwali was found dead in a pond in the early hours of

yesterday at his country home, Ameka, Ezza South local government area of Ebonyi state. He was 74.

The son of the late Senator Nwali, Mr. Oguzor Nwali, said his father was a man whose love for the unity of the Igbo race and Nigeria in general knew no bounds.

Governor David Umahi who cut short his official engagement in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, to commiserate with Senator Nwali's

family, described his death as a national loss.

"Senator Offia Nwali was a foremost Nigerian, a great scientist and man who was highly principled and disciplined," he said.

Senator Offia Nwali's return to Nigeria was facilitated by the then Inspector General of Police, late MD Yusuf in 1972 shortly before he was appointed chairman of school Board by the then East Central State.