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Police confirm killing of Edo council chief

From Alemma-Ozioruva Aliu, Benin

THE police in Edo State yesterday confirmed the killing by suspected armed robbers of the leader of the legislative arm of Etsako-West Council, Ojo Edogiamhe, in Auchi, headquarters of the council.

Edogiamhe was said to have been killed by armed bandits at Total Filling Station in the town yesterday evening when he stopped to refuel his brand new KIA Optimum Salon car on his way from Warri, Delta State.

The assailants, it was learnt, trailed him in an Audi 80 Salon car to the filling station where they launched their attack on him.

According to an eye witness account, one of suspected robbers approached the unsuspecting lawmaker and demanded the car key from him before shooting him to death at close range.

It was gathered that the remains of the deceased lawmaker has been deposited at the mortuary of University of Benin Teaching Hospital Annex, Ogbona, in Etsako West Local Council Area of the state.

But the younger brother of the deceased councilor, Peter Edogiamhe, has said the death of his brother was politically-motivated.

According to him, his late brother had complained that his life was being threatened before he was murdered yesterday.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Peter Ogboi, said the police had commenced investigations into the killing.

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