

Gunmen Kill Amaechi's Aide

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AN aide to the Rivers State Governor and member of the State Public Procurement Bureau, Mr. Charles Nsiegbe, was, on Friday night, shot dead by unknown gunmen, who were dressed in police uniform.

Nsiegbe, was a former law-maker in the state, was said to be driving home in company of a male associate, when he was stopped by the gunmen who disguised as security personnel at Tombia Street Extension, new Government Reservation Area (GRA), Port Harcourt.

The Guardian gathered that, as soon as he came down to open the boot, the gunmen opened fire on him, and later vanished, leaving their victim in a pool of his own blood.

It was gathered that, in a bid to escape, after killing their victim, the gunmen had removed their uniform and jumped into a waiting car, shooting sporadically to scare away onlookers.?

The deceased was quickly rushed to Teme Clinic, where he was confirmed dead. The police later visited the scene of the incident and recovered the car he was driving.

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A police source revealed that the deceased's associate was later arrested and detained at the SCID for interrogation and further investigations.??

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the Rivers Command, Mrs. Rita Inoma-Abbey (DSP), confirmed the incident. Abbey said the police is on the trail of the killers, and appealed to members of the public with useful information to assist the police in its investigation.

The Rivers governor, who expressed shock over the incident, described the murder as sad and very unfortunate.?? Amaechi, who spoke through his Acting Chief Press Secretary, Blessing Wikina, stated that the pathetic development occurred at a time Rivers State was trying to get contributions from committed persons like Nsiegbe, who he described as a young politician that had done so well.?

Amaechi asked security agencies to get to the root of the killing, stressing that Isiegbe's death was unexpected at a time the people of the Niger Delta, especially youths, have embraced Amnesty and agreed that they would no longer be involved in criminality.?

Wikina said that the Rivers government could no longer afford loss of lives in the state, making it imperative for the police, SSS and other security agencies to apprehend the perpetrators and put an end to the dastardly act.