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The traditional ruler of Mbayongo district in Kastina Ala local council of Benue State, Tyoor Awuha Alev, has been killed by unknown gunmen. He was shot dead at his

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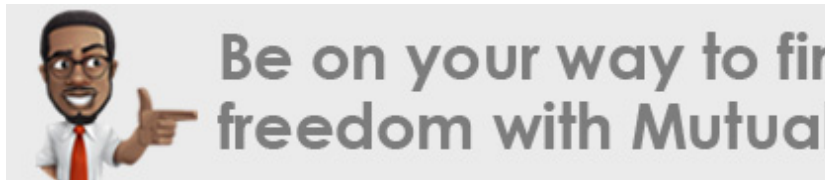
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palace in Vingir village around 8:00p.m. on Sunday.

The Benue State Police Command Public Relations' Officer, ASP Moses Yamu, said the police received a report around 8:30p.m. that the Tyoor Mbayongo, Chief Alev, was shot dead by some gunmen at his residence.

Yamu said the command has dispatched more policemen to the area to maintain law and order. He added that investigation into the matter has commenced with a view to bring the perpetrators to book.




According to him, the police was yet to uncover the motive behind the killing, however, the police spokesman appealed to members of the public with useful information that might lead to the arrest of the culprits to volunteer them to security agencies. The body of the monarch has been deposited at Kastina Ala general hospital.

While the dust of the monarch's gruesome killing was yet to settle, a 30-year-old man identified only as Apochi, who is married with children, died yesterday after drinking substance believed to be rat poison in the Otukpo area of Benue State.

It was learnt that the victim had stormed Otukpo on Sunday evening demanding to see some security men, saying that some spirits were frustrating his life, but there was nobody on ground to attend to him. According to an eyewitness, "he came to our area and said he was looking for security men that some spirits were chasing him. We were wondering what he wanted to do with them.

"It was in that process that he collapsed and we rushed him to a hospital at Upu road in Otukpo where it was discovered that he had taken rat poison.

"The doctors later found the container of the poisonous substance in his pocket. They gave him oil to dilute the




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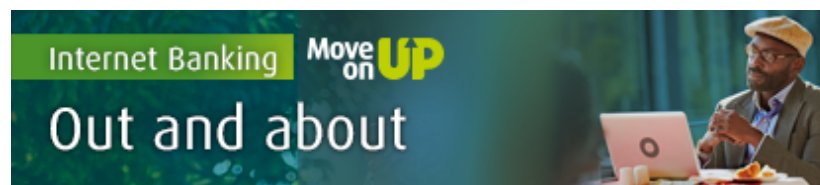
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poison but it was too late. He died in the hospital.”

His corpse has since been taken back to the community for burial. In another development, the Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG), in charge of Zone 2 Command, Onikan, Lagos State, Mr. Abdumajid Ali, has revealed that the force would soon start mopping up exercise in the bushes and creeks within boarder towns between Ogun and Lagos states.

The AIG, who spoke yesterday at his office while decorating a newly promoted Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Dan Nkem Okoro, said the war on kidnapping is not yet over.

According to Ali, “the air bombardment by the military through operation AWATSE, did a lot in distabilising the militants. Some of them are the ones carrying out pockets of armed robberies on the road, especially the long bridge between the two states, but we are mopping up the areas.



“We are not going to relent in our war on kidnappers. I can’t explain why vehicle keep breaking down on the bridge but we are doing something about it. Crime in the border towns within my jurisdiction will be reduced to the nearest minimum,” he said.

On the newly promoted DCP Okoro, he said “Okoro’s promotion is on merit and long overdue. It is an honour from the Inspector General of Police and the Police Service Commission to a deserving and operational officer.

“With his antecedents as officer in-charge of Intelligence unit of the Murtala Mohammed Airport, Ikeja, officer in-charge of monitoring Ports Authority Command, Chief Security Officer to the IGP, and Area Commander, Area E Command, FESTAC, he is an experienced officer, capable of any duty assigned to him.” In his response, DCP Okoro thanked the police management team and the IGP for

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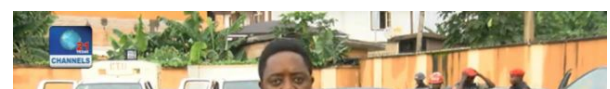


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