

# Gunmen kill Governor Okowa's aide in Sapele

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Delta state governor, Senator Ifeanyi Okowa. Photo; LAOKOWA

## Gov mourns, orders investigation of killing

Gunmen reportedly shot and killed a Special Assistant to Governor Ifeanyi Okowa on Youth Development, Okiemute Sowho, in Sapele, Delta State, at the weekend.

Acting Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Edafe Bright, who confirmed the incident, said although a report had been made on the killing, the command was yet to be briefed on details of the murder.

Sowho, popularly known as Daddy K, was shot dead by the gunmen in his white Toyota Venza car by Akintola Road, Sapele on his way to a meeting.

The Guardian learnt that Sowho was shot at close range and that his killers did not steal anything from him, a development many believed was an assassination. He was rushed to an undisclosed hospital where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival.

Following the killing, Governor Okowa, yesterday, expressed sadness over the death of Sowho.

In a statement issued by his Chief Press Secretary, Olisa Ifeajika in Asaba, the governor directed police authorities to immediately commence investigation into the incident with a view to prosecuting the killers.

He urged security operatives not to leave any stone unturned in unraveling the circumstances surrounding the dastardly act, adding that Sowho's death was painful as



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he was a strong pillar of support in youth mobilisation, especially in Sapele area.

“I was shocked to hear of the killing of Okiemute Sowho. His role in politics and development of his community, local government and the state, will remain an inspiration for other youths in politics.

“On behalf of the government and people of Delta State, I mourn Sowho, who was my aide until his untimely demise. I commiserate with his family and urge security agencies to investigate the incident and bring the perpetrators to justice.

I urge all Delta people to remain peaceful and report all suspicious movements and acts to security agencies,” the statement reads.



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