

Suswam's killers won't escape justice, Ortom VOWS

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Benue State Governor, Samuel Ortom, has vowed that killers of Chief Terkura Suswam, elder brother to Senator Gabriel Suswam (Benue North-East), must be apprehended and brought to justice.

Ortom, who made the vow in Makurdi shortly after his arrival from Port Harcourt, Rivers State, pledged to give security operatives maximum support to ensure that the killers of Dr. Suswam and his aide are arrested and made to face consequences of their action.



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The governor was in Port Harcourt for a conciliation meeting with Governor Bala Mohammed of Bauchi State, which was brokered by Governors Nyesom Wike (Rivers) and Ahmadu Fintiri (Adamawa).

Ortom stressed that his administration would not surrender Benue to criminals, and assured that killers and kidnappers operating in the Sankera axis of the state would not go unpunished.

While sympathising with his predecessor and the rest of the Suswam family, as well as the entire people of Logo Local Council over the tragic incident, Ortom prayed God to grant the deceased eternal rest and his family the strength to bear the loss.

However, the Benue police command has ordered a discreet investigation to ensure that killers of the former governor's elder brother are arrested and brought to book.

THE POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER (PPRO), DSP SEWASE AKWAZA, stated that the command received information yesterday evening that while Dr. Suswam and his aide sat at Elohim Plaza, Anyiin, opposite his house, to supervise repairs at the plaza, unidentified gunmen in a Toyota Camry car shot at him and his aide.



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According to him, on getting wind of the incident, a team of police officers on patrol in the area rushed to the scene and conveyed the victims to NKST Anyiin Hospital, where they were eventually confirmed dead.

The police, while commiserating with the family and friends of the deceased, said the corpses had been deposited at the hospital for autopsy.

Logo residents suspect that the gunmen were criminals loyal to the notorious militia kingpin, the late Terwase Akwaza (alias Gana).



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