

# Gunmen assassinate Rivers ANPP chairman

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CONDEMNATION has continued to trail the assassination of the Rivers State chairman of the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) in Port Harcourt, the state capital.

Julius Nwaofu was assassinated along the Port Harcourt International Airport road close to the Gitto Construction company flyover at about 8:30pm on Tuesday while returning from a trip to Lagos.

Nwaofu's death was confirmed by his son, Caleb Nwaofu, who alleged that before now his father had received some threat text messages from his business partners, whose identities he did not disclose.

Meanwhile, the Rivers State chapter of the Action Congress of Nigeria has described as painful and unfortunate the murder of the state Chairman of ANPP.

In a statement issued its spokesman, Jerry Needam, it

condemned the rising rate of insecurity in the state, describing it as a drawback on the progressive march of the state to catch up with other civilised parts of the world.

"It has therefore become highly imperative to probe the remote cause of the seeming selective elimination of frontline politicians in the state", ACN said, nothing short of full scale investigation was acceptable if the impression of selective killing of opposition politicians in this state must be dismissed.

The party regretted that the state has still not justified the huge sums of money being earmarked for security, alleging that rather than efforts to contain the situation, the ruling PDP elite were busy building false walls around themselves.

Confirming the assassination of Nwaofu, the Police Public Relation Officer, Ben Ugwegbulam, said the command heard about the murder but could not ascertain if he was the state ANPP chairman.