



Olu of Warri feared dead

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There were anxieties in Warri, Delta State last night over the health of Olu of Warri, Ogiame Atuwatse II.

The Olu (king) of Warri is the head of the Itsekiri people

While an online medium, www.thewillnigeria.com reported that the revered royal father died in a Lagos hospital on Friday from an undisclosed ailment, the mood in the oil-rich city appear to collaborate the report of the demise of the king.

According to the report, Olu of Warri may likely have died from a brain injury he suffered after falling from the stairs of his Warri residence.

Atuwatse, who had also suffered a stroke recently, was due to have surgery at the Reddington Hospital in Victoria Island, Lagos, where he was transported to when he passed on, the sources said.

His body has been flown back to Warri for burial rites.

A resident of the town, who spoke to the Nigerian Pilot Sunday on phone last night, said the speculation about the passing on of the king, has spread throughout the Itsekiri kingdom.

However, there was no word from the Delta State government where the Olu is one of the first class traditional rulers in the state.

In May this year, the Olu marked his 28th coronation anniversary at the Four Square Gospel Church Aghofen, inside the Olu Palace in Warri South, to offer praises to God for keeping him alive.