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# Unknown gunmen kill Akwa Ibom monarch

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**Unknown** gunmen have killed the ruler of Nsit Ubium Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, Edidem Robert Obot.

Obot, a former Chairman of the Council of Chiefs, was killed in his palace in Ikot Edibon on Sunday.

The Chairman of the highest Ibibio traditional council, the Akwa Esop Imaisong Ibibio, Ntison Udo Ekidem, summoned an emergency meeting of Ibibio monarchs yesterday to deliberate over the matter.

He said the deceased would be remembered for his outspokenness and his commitment to the development of **Akwa Ibom** and Nigeria.

“We will miss him. He was very outspoken and committed to the development of **Akwa Ibom** and Nigeria,” he said.

Ekidem alleged that the deceased was in a tussle with the ruler of Onna Local Government Area, Akwa Edidem Akpabio Udo Ukpa, for the vacant stool of Oku Ibom Ibibio (111).

He said Governor Godswill Akpabio advised the monarchs to select the right person for the throne and he was to be named this week.

He said the Council would liaise with the family to ascertain the circumstances surrounding his death.

Police spokesman Onyeka Orji said the police are on top of the matter.

According to him, the police would stop at nothing to bring the perpetrators to book.

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**Nabas** on 01/02/2011 01:15:45



A **monarch** dies and all the governor does is to ask for a quick replacement within the week. So much for the safety of the people of the state he's governing.



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**emerald** on 01/02/2011 12:37:27



This is one of the many that has happened since the 31st of december. The citizens are no longer at ease



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**ekong akpabio** on 01/02/2011 22:10:05



Iam highly dissapointed with, The Nation at your bias reporting when it comes to things happening in **akwa ibom**.I've observed that any story that has to do with the governor will be cloned to put the governor in a good light irrespective of his rascality in the handling of issues in the state.Why have you refused to feed the the the country with full details of the latest gubernatorial tussle in **akwa ibom** state.yesterday the matter came up in the federal high court in abuja but you pretend not to know about.With the way you are showing your bias,the credibility of your paper will be gone.



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[Jimmy](#) on 02/02/2011 12:44:55



You will recall that the deceased had penultimate asked and or call for thorough investigations and probes as to recurring cases of killing and kidnappings of Ibibio Sons and Daughters. He was alleged to have recently call for a meeting of all the traditional rulers over recent killings in **Akwa Ibom** state before his sudden murder. I have no doubt in my mind that the Governor who's just call for his immediate replacement, has a hand in it. Nemesis will one day caught up with all the people who are behind this dastardly act, be it the Governor or some other faceless people. Shame



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