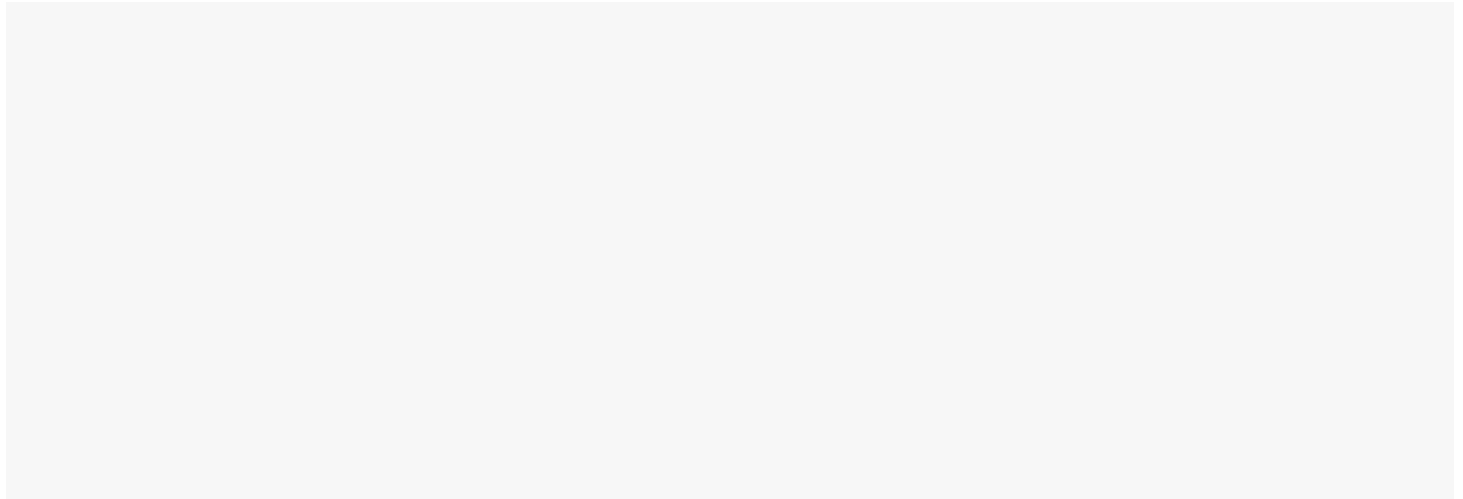


Gunmen kill union leader

• Police: we're investigating



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There is tension in Zakibiam town following the brutal killing of the Chairman of Shade Owners Association, Zaki Bia Yam Market, Mr. Tavershima Achinge. The murder occurred in Ukum Local Government Area of Benue State.

The deceased was shot dead on Monday by gunmen.

An eyewitness, Toryila Aye, told *The Nation* that Achinge retired to his house at Zakibiam after a hectic day at Zakibiam Yam Market.

While at home, gunmen stormed the place and shot him in the chest at close range, giving him no chance to survive. He died on the spot.

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Investigations by *The Nation* showed that the murder may not be unconnected with the struggle by a local gang leader to take over the security of the yam market.

It was gathered that a local gang leader had been mounting pressure on the late market leader to take over the security of the market.

But he met a brick wall, as the late Achinge insisted that owners of shades and shops would provide security at the market, because in the past, such arrangement had led to alleged missing of yams worth hundreds of naira.

The market has been shut to prevent reprisal.

Police spokesperson Kate Aneene Sewuese confirmed the incident. She said it is being investigated.



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