

Imo monarch murdered 24 hours after abduction

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Gunmen on Friday killed the traditional ruler of Ebeteghete community in Njaba Local Government Area of Imo State, Eze Edwin Azuike.

It was gathered that the traditional ruler was kidnapped from his palace on Thursday by some gunmen and taken to an unknown destination.

From the picture seen on the internet, the monarch was shot many times in the head and dumped in a car.

Police spokesman, CSP Michael Abattam, told The Nation that the monarch was abducted from his house and found dead in a car.

“Yes, it is true. The traditional ruler was abducted and later found dead in a car. We are investigating the matter.

This is the latest in attacks on monarchs in the state.

On Thursday, gunmen abducted the traditional ruler of the Mbutu Ancient Kingdom in Aboh Mbaise Local Government Area of Imo, Eze Damian Nwaigwe.

He was taken away from his palace at about 2:30 am and was yet to be found as at the time of filing this report.

The police said they were on the trail of the abductors.

The traditional ruler of Etekwuru Autonomous Community in Ohaji/ Egbema Local Government Area, Eze Kenneth Okereke, fled the community after two residents were killed and his palace was burnt.

Also, in October, two traditional rulers were killed in Njaba Local Government Area of the state by gunmen who stormed a meeting venue of some traditional rulers and stakeholders at Nnenasa where they opened fire, killing the two monarchs instantly.

The slain traditional rulers, E. Duruebere of Okwudor autonomous community and Sampson Osunwa of Ihebinowerre autonomous community, both in Njaba are yet to be buried.