

Protest in Enugu over murder of councillor by gunmen

TENSION has enveloped the entire Eha-Alumona community, Enugu State, following the gruesome murder of the councillor representing Eha-Ulo ward, in Nsukka Local Government Area Legislative Council, Nelson Sylvester Nnacheta, popularly known as Ofunwa.

Women in the community took to the streets yesterday evening to protest the councillor's murder.

It was learnt that the lawmaker was shot and killed by gunmen around 11:30pm on Sunday at his residence in Umualoji Village, Eha-Alumona in Nsukka.

Although details of the incident were still sketchy at the time of filing this report, a village source disclosed that his death might not be unconnect-

From Damian Duruiheoma, Enugu

ed with his crime fighting role in his community and Nsukka LGA in general.

It was further gathered that the lawmaker had been instrumental to the successful busting of criminal hideouts, arrests and hand over of many suspected criminals in the area to the police.

A source said the assailants had stormed the lawmaker's house and started raining bullets on him.

The source added that the councillor ran into a neighbouring compound, from where his body was later recovered.

The development has sparked tension in the town and neighbouring communities with calls for the arrest and prosecution of the culprits.

Abia uncovers 2,300 ghost workers

ABIA State Government said it has saved over N200 million from monthly wage bill, following ongoing verification of civil servants and other public workers.

Accountant General Njum Onyemenam said the huge savings were made using a unified payment system.

She said yesterday after a meeting with Governor Alex Otti that the verification was still ongoing and that the government hoped to make more savings.

"So far, we have been able

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weeded out of the payroll, using the unified payment system. We hope to identify more as we continue with the exercise," the accountant general said.

She confirmed that following Governor Otti's directive, government last week paid arrears of April salary left behind by the former administration and also June pensions to retirees.

Local government workers, who were skipped when the June salaries were paid, due to