

Anambra YPP ward chairman murdered

WARD Chairman of the Young Progressives Party (YPP) in Anambra State, Chief Joe Moghalu, has been murdered.

Lawmaker representing Orumba North and South in the National Assembly, Mrs. Chinwe Nnabuife, confirmed this yesterday.

Moghalu, until his death was, the Agbiligba Nanka ward chairman. He was shot in the leg and stomach shortly after a stakeholders' meeting he organised for Nnabuife on Saturday ahead of the yet-to-be scheduled rerun in the ward following the decision of the election petition tribunal and Appeal Court.

Nnabuife said they had a fruitful meeting and, barely one hour after they left the venue, news of Moghalu's murder reached her.

She described the murder of her supporter as 'inhumane and devastating'. The deceased was rushed to a hospital in Adazi Ani, and later to the teaching hospital in Nnewi, where he was confirmed dead.

"Yes, it was my ward chairman that was gunned down, it was not up to one hour after I left him after a stakeholders meeting that I was called and told he was shot and dead. The tribunal and Court of Appeal had ruled that we should have a rerun within 90 days, that is why we started mobilising and preparing.

"It is a black Sunday for me, he was killed in his own village by assailants who eyewitnesses said called him saboteur three times while shooting him. The runoff is actually in that area. It is painful, they just killed a family man and a great political ally," she lamented.