

# Gunmen kill Enugu politician

**G**unmen have shot and killed a popular politician in Enugu State, Eike Ukwueze.

It was gathered that Ukwueze was reportedly killed on Friday night while driving in a local area, Neke Odenigbo, in Enugu East Local Government Area of the state.

In a viral video, Ukwueze and his car were shot multiple times, with bullet holes visible in the vehicle.

The victim was the immediate younger brother of the member who represented Isi-Uzo State Constituency in the Enugu State House of Assembly, late Chijioke Ukwueze, who in 2020 slumped and died during a plenary session of the house.

A source close to the family

From Damian Duruiheoma, Enugu

alleged that the family suspects the killing was politically motivated, suggesting it was an assassination as the victim was becoming influential in the Isi-Uzo Local Government Area political circle ahead of the October local government elections.

"Yeah, I heard he was a strong contender. Aside from having the intention of running for the LG election, he was becoming a force in the Isi-Uzo political affairs, standing in for his dear late brother who was one of the most accepted and powerful political stakeholders in Isi-Uzo," the source told newsmen.

Meanwhile, the police authorities in Enugu State are yet to comment on the incident.