

Gunmen kill Edo Assembly speaker's aide



The Senior Special Assistant to the Speaker of the **Edo** House of Assembly, Blessing Agbebaku, Samson Omoarebokhae, has been assassinated.

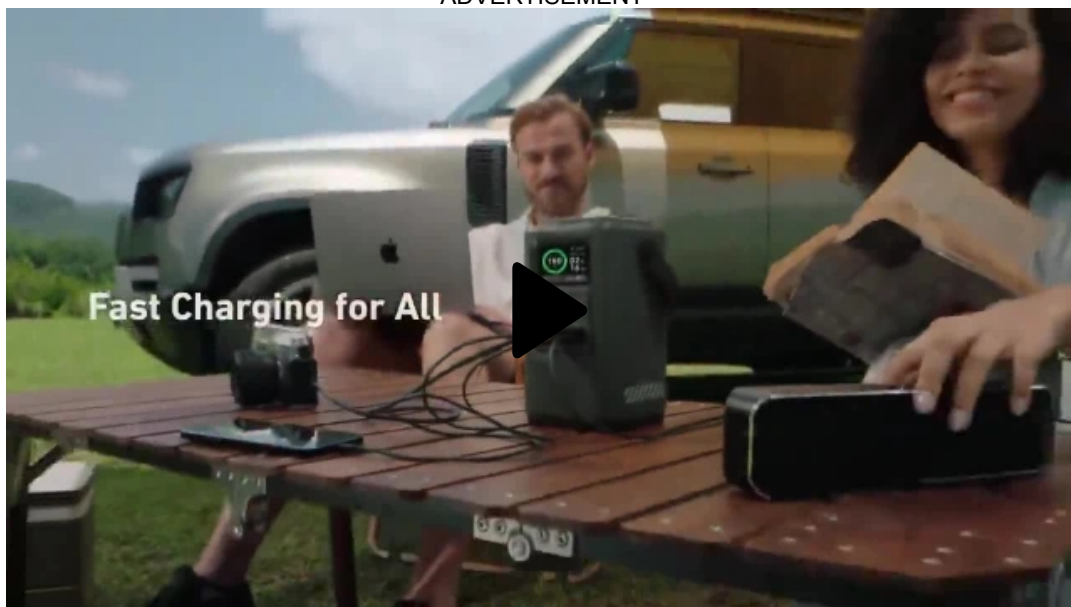
The Special Adviser to the Speaker on Media, Mrs Ivy Adodo-Ebojele, made this known yesterday in Benin, the state capital, saying the speaker had sent a condolence message to the family of the slain aide.

Adodo-Ebojele said Omoarebokhae was killed on August 31 while on his way to Uhumora from Ozalla in Owan West Local Government.

The media aide said when the speaker got wind of the incident, he dispatched a delegation on a condolence visit to the family of the deceased.

Adodo-Ebojele noted that the Chief of Staff to the Speaker, Odion Iruobe, who led the delegation, described his death as a great loss to the Assembly, the PDP and the people of Owan West Local Government.

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She said the chief of staff urged the bereaved family to draw strength from God's promises of not leaving those mourning comfortless.

According to her, the deceased was one of the trusted aides to the Speaker.

She said the speaker had assured he would do everything within his power to ensure the killers were arrested and made to face the wrath of the law.

"Though it is a painful situation, we pray to God in His infinite power to give the family a reason to smile again.