

had been taken to National Hospital, Abuja.

Minister of State for Aviation, Senator Hadi Siriki, who also confirmed the incident in a tweet, said the crash occurred on Sunday afternoon in Kaduna State.

President Muhammadu Buhari, on Sunday, expressed shock and sadness over the tragic death of Ocholi.

wise and brilliant man, who was expected to impact significantly on the Buhariled administration and the lives of Nigerians in many positive ways."

Atiku lamented that the nation had lost a committed professional whose place in his profession, political party and the budding administration in place today, would be hard to fill.

being worked on by the National Assembly indicated that the total allocation for purchase of motor vehicles, buses and trucks in the 2016 budget is about N41.41 billion.

It was confirmed that some big spending agencies, including the Nigerian Port Authority (NPA) and the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Central

by some ministries and departments, while the same agencies allocated the sum of N1.67 billion for purchase of buses. The sum of N362.65 million is allocated for purchase of vans.

But some MDAs, including the Judiciary and the National Assembly, did not include details of the figures meant for purchase of vehicles in the year.

Gunmen behead Rivers APC chief, kill wife, son in Rivers

•It's an unacceptable sin -CP

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A chieftain of All Progressives Congress (APC) at Omoku, in Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area of Rivers State, Mr Franklin Obi, was, on Saturday night, killed and beheaded by yet-to-be identified gunmen.

The gunmen also killed his wife and 18-year-old son, Bestman, in the attack said to have taken place at about 9.00 p.m.

Sources revealed to the Nigerian Tribune that some of the hoodlums were seen by some members of the community before the incident took place at the residence of the victims on Rutachi Street, Omoku.

This was as the state Commissioner of Police, Mr Musa Kimo, confirmed the incident, describing it as a very sad and unfortunate

development.

A teenage daughter of the deceased, Victory, who witnessed and survived the incident, narrated how the hoodlums cut off her father's head and took it away.

Victory, about 16-year-old, said she and her late brother were hiding somewhere in the room, from where they peeped through and saw how the gunmen were cutting off her father's head.

"Last night, I was inside when I heard my mum crying. We heard the sound of a gunshot and he was somewhere in the room. I opened the curtain of my room and I saw the men cutting off my father's head.

"They then came to our room and ordered me and my brother to come out. As we were coming, my brother was moving slowly and

they shot him. They then left with my father's head," she said amid sobs.

The state police commissioner, who visited the ancestral home and the residence of the deceased on a condolence visit, on Sunday, expressed sadness that some of the people of the area, having sighted some of the masked gunmen earlier, did not call the police.

"I am here in Omoku this time on a sad note. It is sad in the sense that we are all bereaved. The governor, I and other security officers were in Omoku two weeks ago in search of peace. Unfortunately, violence has continued to pervade, dovetailing into kidnappings and murders.

"Last night, precisely 2100 hours, one Mr Franklin Obi, APC chairman, Ward 4, Omoku, the wife and son were gruesomely murdered

in their house. This is bad, this is a sin and totally not acceptable.

"I am here to commiserate with the deceased's family and also to re-strategise and put pungent security measures in place in order to forestall future occurrence," he said.

He also assured that investigation into the killings in Omoku, including Saturday's murder of Franklin Obi, his wife and son, were ongoing, adding that no stone would be left unturned in unravelling those behind the dastardly act and bring them to book.

Also, Eze Ogba of Ogbaland, Sir Chukumela Nnam Obi II, who spoke when the state Commissioner of Police visited him in his palace, expressed sadness over the killing in Omoku and the entire local government area.