

Murdered Warri chief priest wasn't our grandson — **Alawuru family**

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THE famous Alawuru family in Warri, Warri South Local Government Area of Delta State, has denied a report describing the murdered chief priest at Igbudu community as its grandson.

The chief priest, simply identified as Victor but alluded as Victor Alawuru in several media publications, allegedly impregnated a Muslim Hausa lady and was

later stabbed to death by suspected religious hoodlums for not owning up to his crime.

The incident occurred a fortnight ago in Degbori Street of Hausa Quarters axis, largely dominated by people from the northern region.

Reacting to the claim of Alawuru as the deceased's family name, Chief Raphael Okene, in a disclaimer on behalf of Chief (Mrs) Eliza-

beth Okene (Nee Alawuru) and family, on Tuesday, disclosed that the said chief priest, "Victor Alawuru," was unknown to the entire Alawuru family.

"It is worthy to note that the family of Alawuru does not have a grandson who bears the name Victor Alawuru.

"This is misconceived, misleading, vexatious and embarrassing to the Alawuru family at large.

"It is not only incorrect, but has brought our client's family to ridicule, public opprobrium and disrepute," Chief Okene, who signed the statement averred.

Chief Okene of the Chief Raphael Okene & Co. law firm, therefore, urged the public to disregard the publications crediting the deceased chief priest with the revered Alawuru family name.