

Councillor murdered in Ebonyi

Grace Egbo with agency report

GUNMEN have killed the councillor representing Achara Ward 2 in Okposi community in Ohaozara Local Government Area of Ebonyi State. Mr Ogbonnaya Ugwu, popularly known as Spaco.

It was gathered that Ugwu was killed on Saturday as he was returning from his shop, a drinking joint known in Okposi as 'Angle 90'.

A source in Okposi who confirmed the incident

on Sunday said Ugwu was accosted by the gunmen around Okposi Court Area junction.

The source said: "The councillor was accosted while he was returning from his shop, a popular drinking joint in Okposi known as Angle 90. He was driving in his official vehicle, a Toyota Corolla.

"They shot him inside the car and he swerved into a gutter. They then set his car ablaze with him inside and left the scene.

"As I am talking with you now, Mgbom n' Achara youths in Okposi are cur-

rently protesting the incident," he said.

The police in Ebonyi on Sunday in Abakaliki confirmed the killing.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Onome Onovwakpoyeya, told the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* that investigation had commenced to track the killers so as to bring them to book.

NAN also reported that the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) in the state has also condemned the murder.

Its spokesman, Mr Charles Otu, stated on Sunday in Abakaliki that incessant killings in the state were condemnable and urged security agencies to act fast.

"We in APGA Ebonyi Campaign Council strongly condemn the murder. This is another senseless killing of a vibrant Ebonyi youth.

"While we sincerely sympathise with the family of the deceased, our campaign council charges the government to unravel the killers."

