

Ebonyi PDP chairman beaten to death by thugs, not shot —Police

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EBONYI State Police Command, on Sunday, said the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chairman in the state, Mr Peter Nweke, killed during the governorship and House of Assembly election, was not shot but beaten to

death by suspected political thugs.

Police spokesperson, Superintendent of Police Onome Onovwakpoyeya, made the statement while speaking to newsmen on Sunday in the state capital, Abakaliki.

According to Onovwakpoyeya, the deceased was not

shot but beaten severely.

Nweke was killed during the elections in Ezza North Local Government Area of the state.

"He was rescued by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) and his team but was confirmed dead by doctor on duty when they got to the

hospital," the police spokeswoman explained.

PDP House of Assembly candidate in Ezza North constituency, Mr Innocent Nomeh, had alleged that the state PDP chairman was murdered after being threatened by some thugs in the area.

Nomeh described the in-

cident as shocking and barbaric.

"Yes, he was killed after being threatened by some political thugs that if their candidate failed at their polling unit, he will die.

"Some hours after he was being threatened, they traced and took him to a

lonely place, where he was shot.

"It was so unfortunate that such a young man would just die because of elections. I want the security agencies to deepen investigation on the heinous act to fish out whoever are involved in the killing," Nomeh said.