

Gunmen kill politician in Bayelsa

Bisi Olaniyi, Yenagoa

GUNMEN, on Wednesday night, killed a politician, Mr. Okolari Igo, in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

The Chairman of the Bayelsa State Independent Electoral Commission, Mr. Francis Ikio, also exclusively told our correspondent on Thursday, that the local government election would hold in the state on May 12.

Igo, a native of Twon-Brass, the headquarters of Brass Local Government area of the state, was killed at a popular fast food joint on Chief Diepreye Alamiyeseigha Way in the state capital, at about 11pm.

The politician, in his late thirties, was a member of the Peoples Democratic Party.

Investigation showed that Igo had a disagreement with

one of the candidates standing for the April 14 House of Assembly election from the Brass LGA.

Igo, according to an eyewitness, who would not want his name in print, was relaxing at an eatery, when he was shot at close range and died on the spot.

The Bayelsa State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Ibokette Iniobong, a deputy superintendent of police, who confirmed the killing on Thursday, described it as very unfortunate.

The PPRO could not ascertain if the killing was politically-motivated and could not confirm as at press time, the mortuary where the corpse was deposited.

Iniobong added that the command was still investigating the killing.