

# Gunmen kill Rivers monarch while eating

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A community leader in Bonny Local Government Area of Rivers State, Chief Idala Polyn, was on Wednesday night killed by unidentified gunmen while having his dinner with members of his family.

Ibama was a monarch from Kala Ibama community and a major stakeholder in the operations of the oil facilities at Cawthorn Channel 1 located off the Port Harcourt/Bille waterway.

A security source told our correspondent that the gunmen, who might have

arrived through the river, invaded the island community at about 10.30pm.

He said most of the people had gone to bed when the gunmen carried out the operation.

Despite this, they still fired gunshots into the air to keep those who might have

challenged them indoors.

The source said, "The report we have showed that the killers arrived at the community in the night and started shooting when they got close to the home of the victim.

"When they got to the chief's house, they met him eating with some members of his family

behind the house. They identified him and shot him at close range.

"They withdrew immediately after killing the man and nobody could tell how they escaped from the community."

When contacted, the Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Rita Inoma-Abey, confirmed the incident.

She said that the community leader was killed at night by unknown gunmen who invaded his home.

Inoma-Abey said the body of the victim had since been moved to the Bonny General Hospital for autopsy.

