

# Ex-Bayelsa PDP chairman assassinated

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**A** former Acting State Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party, Bayelsa State, Mr. Christopher Hobobo, has been assassinated.

He was reportedly assassinated in his residence on the PDP Road, Yenagoa, the state capital.

Hobobo, who hailed from Agbere town in Sagbama Local Government Area of the state, was allegedly stabbed to death by unknown assassins in the early hours of Wednesday.

The assassination of Hobobo is coming within one month after a similar assassination of a Yenagoa-based broadcast journalist, Mr. Famous Giobaro.

Hobobo's gate was forced open by the assailants before gaining access to his sitting room, where they allegedly stabbed him several times in the chest.

It was learnt that his killers refrained from using the gun to kill the former acting Chairman of the PDP in order not to attract the attention of his neighbours.

It was also learnt that after the incident, family relations and friends, who thronged the house as early as 7am invited police.

A team of policemen led by the Divisional Police Officer, Ekeki Division, was said to have removed the deceased's corpse amidst wailing from sympathisers and neighbours.

Two family members, Mr. Desi Tambrebofa and Mr. John Gidi, expressed shock over the manner Hobobo was brutally murdered.

They described the deceased as an easygoing man, saying that the assassins had murdered sleep.

The Commissioner of Police

in the state, Mr. Amba Asuquo, who had visited the scene of the crime, assured the family members that the police would fish out the perpetrators of the crime.

The remains of the deceased have been deposited at the morgue of the Federal Medical Centre, Yenagoa.

## Kwara names varsity after Olusola Saraki

**G**OVERNOR Abdulfatah Ahmed of Kwara State on Wednesday named the state university after the late strongman of Kwara politics, Dr. Olusola Saraki.

Ahmed, who made the announcement in Ilorin at the inauguration of the Sola Saraki Educational Foundation, said the Kwara State University would henceforth be called Sola Saraki University.

He noted that renaming the university was a better way of immortalising the late political icon, who he described, as an "outstanding politician, mentor and philanthropist."

The governor said that all arrangements to that effect would be finalised before the end of the year.

He described the late Saraki as a philanthropist, who touched the lives of his people, particularly the downtrodden.

He said that the late Waziri of Ilorin's love for education was evident in his contributions to the building of several primary and

secondary schools in the state.

Ahmed commended the initiator of the foundation for complimenting government's efforts in making education accessible to all.

He called on individuals and corporate bodies to invest in education as a way of securing the future of the children, who he described as "leaders of tomorrow."

Ahmed, who promised to improve and expand access to quality education in Kwara, noted that investment in education was an investment for the future.

The governor, on behalf of the state executive council, donated N15m for the take-off of the foundation.

In his remarks, the Senate President, Dr. Bukola Saraki, commended the conveners of the foundation and pledged his moral, financial and physical support to its sustainability.

The Senate President was represented by Alhaji Abubakar Kawu Baraje, a chieftain of the All Progressives Congress, in the state.