

Thugs murder council chairman's aide

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One of the aides of the chairman of Isiala Mbano Local Government Area of Imo State, Chinonso Solomon, has been murdered by suspected political thugs after a governorship primary of the All Progressives Congress in the state.

Our correspondent learnt that Solomon, 28, was killed on Tuesday in the presence of his wife in Amaraku, a community in the Isiala Mbanu LGA.

Multiple sources told our correspondent that the deceased was killed by thugs working for unknown rival politicians he had an altercation with at the polling unit earlier in the day.

The Chairman of Isiala Mbanu LGA, Jude Mbachu, who confirmed the development to our correspondent in Owerri, said the fleeing thugs used machetes to inflict deep cuts on his aide.

Mbachu said, “They have killed one of my boys. He was killed in the presence of his wife. He was given deep cuts by suspected political thugs.

“This is barbaric and it should be condemned by all lovers of democracy. I learnt that he had a disagreement with some people during the governorship primary of the APC at the polling unit; in the night, the thugs came and killed him.”

Another source told *PUNCH Metro* that after using machetes to inflict deep injuries on the victim, his killers asked him to run before shooting him.

The chairman of the APC in the Isiala Mbanu LGA, Obinna Onuegbu, told our correspondent that the party was saddened by the death of the 28-year-old.

Onuegbu, who told our correspondent that the remains of the deceased had been deposited in a morgue, said the APC in the council would continue to preach politics of tolerance.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Orlando Ikeokwu, when contacted on the killing, promised to get back to our correspondent.

He had yet to do so as of the time of filing this report