

Okowa's aide shot dead in Delta

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Delta State Governor Ifeanyi Okowa

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A Special Assistant to Delta State Governor Ifeanyi Okowa on Youth Development, Mr Lawrence Akpomiemie, has been shot dead by yet-to-be-identified hoodlums.

Akpomiemie, known as Ngozi, was reportedly shot dead at 10pm by gunmen in the volatile Ekpan community in the Uvwie Local Government Area of the state on Friday.

Recently, Uvwie area has been enmeshed in political crisis between supporters of the Peoples Democratic Party and the All Progressives Congress, leading to the death of about 10 persons. Also, scores of persons have been injured and maimed in the crisis.

SUNDAY PUNCH learnt that the deceased was ambushed by arms-wielding youths while returning from an outing with a lady suspected to be his girlfriend. It was learnt that the lady survived the attack.

It was learnt that during the time of his attack, Ngozi was in a Toyota Camry car with number plate EFR 965 SN.

Investigations linked Ngozi's murder to the lingering political crisis in Ekpan between supporters of the Peoples Democratic Party and the All Progressives Congress.

Ngozi and his followers are said to be staunch supporters of the state governor and the ruling PDP in the state.

Some security sources confirmed the incident, saying he was shot in the chest and on the forehead repeatedly. Security agencies had taken over the entire area.

When contacted, Chairman of Uvwie LGA, Mr Ramson Onoyake, confirmed the killing. "It is true Ngozi was killed. The police have started investigating the matter," Onoyake said.

Acting spokesman for the Delta State Police Command, Mr Chuks Oresewezie, confirmed the incident, adding that he had yet been fully briefed.

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