

# Grieving Uduaghan demands thorough probe into Delta couple's assassination

Dele Ogunyemi, Warri

THE immediate past Governor of Delta State, Dr Emmanuel Uduaghan, has challenged security agencies to do all they can to apprehend and prosecute everyone involved in the death of a notable Itsekiri couple, Pa Joseph Ayomike and Dr Chinyere Ayomike.

Their decomposing corpses were found in their Warri GRA residence on Monday, June 28,

2021.

Sources hinted that policemen from the Area Command, Warri, were at the scene in the early hours of the day, just as welders were mobilised to break the lock on the gate and doors to enable police operatives and sympathizers to gain access to the house, apparently following foul odour oozing out of the premises.

In a statement signed by his

media assistant, Monoyo Edon, the former governor said he was "heart-wrenched over the barbaric murder" of the couple, adding that the news was more touching because his wife, Mrs Roli Uduaghan, was a niece of late Pa Ayomike.

Uduaghan urged security agencies to "launch a rapid and thorough investigation into the murder of the founder of the Warri Choral Society and his wife" who until her death was a senior lecturer at the Delta State University, Abraka.

He said, "The Ayomikes were very peaceful and quiet people. Why would anyone want to kill them and in the most dastardly manner in which they were killed? This sad event has thrown my family and everyone close to the Ayomikes into a state of deep grief.

"A respected Itsekiri and community leader, late Pa Ayomike was a renowned economist who graduated from the London School of Economics. He was a very successful businessman, especially in the hospitality industry, at various times running some of the busiest restaurants in Nigeria. He was also the founder of Agura Hotel in Abuja. A nationally and internationally renowned organist, he formed the Warri Choral Society that organised annual programmes in Warri."

## Ebonyi announces N5m tuition as medical varsity begins September

Edward Nnachi, Abakaliki

EBONYI State Governor, David Umahi, on Tuesday said academic activities would take off in September 2021 at the new state-owned Medical University, Uburu, in the Ohaozara Local Government Area of the state.

Umahi, who stated this during the flag-off of the Basic Health Care Provision Fund and State Health Insurance Scheme in Abakaliki on Tuesday, pointed out that the university remained the best in country.

According to the governor, "medical students will be paying N5m, while non-medical students, would be paying between N2m and N3m for tuition and other fees in the university."

He said, "Our resolve is to work tirelessly with all relevant stakeholders in Ebonyi State and

at the federal level to ensure well-equipped and functional health centre in each of the 171 wards in the state.

"We aim to ensure that all civil servants in the state take cover under the Ebonyi State Health Insurance Scheme. On behalf of the wonderful citizens of Ebonyi State, I want to thank our donors, parties, development partners, representatives of the National Health Insurance Scheme and all those who have found it important to make this happen.

"I want to commend highly the USAID activities in the state. We heard that you were at the new hospital of our new university. I was so excited and I pray you make good your promises. Our dream is that this should be the best hospital in the whole of Nigeria. And this is possible."