

Delta councillor allegedly shot by herdsmen dies after two surgeries



• Adjekpogu

Dele Ogunyemi, Warri

THE Councillor representing Ward 5 in the Ethiope East Local Government Area of Delta State, Jude Adjekpogu, who was shot by suspected Fulani herdsmen 13 days ago, is dead.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the councillor died in the early hours of Thursday at Warri, where he was receiving treatment in a private hospital.

The Chairman of Ethiope East LGA, Victor Ofobrukueta, while confirming the development to journalists, said the councillor passed on after undergoing two surgeries.

"They did two operations

on him because the gunshots affected his spinal cord, kidney and intestine," the chairman stated.

Adjekpogu was shot on Saturday, December 4, 2021, along the Eku-Abraka Road by suspected herdsmen as he was driving home from a social function.

Our correspondent gathered that the kidnappers had blocked the Eku-Abraka Road around 5.30pm on the day of the incident and fired several bullets into the councillor's car, which ended up in his abdomen.

After the attack, he became bedridden as he battled for his life.

The council chairman, Ofobrukueta, assured that the gang behind the upsurge in criminal activities in the area would be brought to book.

A former member of the House of Representatives representing Ethiope Federal Constituency, Lovette Idisi, expressed sadness at the death of the councillor.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bright Edafe, could not be reached for comments as of the time of filing this report.