Gunmen kill Imo PDP ward chairman

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Fleeing gunmen have assassinated the ward chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party in the Ife/Akpodim/Chokoneze ward in the Ezinihitte Mbaise Local Government Area of Imo state, Chiedoziem Anyanwu.

Our correspondent gathered that Anyanwu was shot dead on Thursday by gunmen who rode on a motorcycle.

According to a source, on arrival at his house, his killers mentioned his name and requested to see him.

"The chairman of PDP in Ife/Akpodim/Chokoneze ward in the Ezinihitte Mbaise Local Government Area was shot dead before his wife by gunmen who requested to see him.

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"The development has brought an uneasy calm within the fold of the PDP in the state. The slain party chairman was vibrant. Nobody knew why he was killed."

When contacted, the Director General of the New Media of the PDP in the state, Lancelot Obiaku, confirmed the killing, adding that the fleeing suspects should be arrested and prosecuted by the authorities.

The spokesperson for the police in the state, Henry Okoye, said that he had not been briefed on the killing.

He, however, said that he was going to make an inquiry and resort to our correspondent but had yet to do so as of the time of filing this report.