

# Man, 30, dies of mysterious snake bite in Cross River

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**T**ragedy struck in Ekpene Ibiabong community in Odukpani Local Government Area of Cross River State as a mysterious snake bit and killed a 30-year-old man at the weekend.

The deceased, identified as, Itoe Nkun, a father of three, was said to have met his untimely death on his way back from the farm.

Narrating the incident to Daily Sun correspondent,

who visited the area, the wife of the deceased, Mrs. Mma Itoe, said: "On that fateful day, my husband left the house for the farm with one of our sons without any inkling of problem, only to return from the farm with a snake bite on his right leg.

"When my husband came back from the farm, he looked moody and when I inquired to know what could have gone wrong, he replied that they were pursued and bitten by a mysterious snake.

I immediately advised him to go and be treated traditionally by a man who specialized in the treatment of snake bites."

Narrating further in an emotion laden tone, she stated that her husband was treated but the situation worsened the following day and he was rushed to hospital where he later gave up the ghost.

Lamenting the sudden death of her husband, Mma said: "I cannot understand what type of snake that killed my hus-

band at this period when the children are still small. Now, who will assist me to train them? He has been a farmer all these while, so why is it now that snake should strike?"

Checks by Daily Sun revealed that Itoe had been buried.

Worried by his death, the youths in the community have set up a team to uncover the mystery behind the incident as the snake bite was believed to have been masterminded by evil doers.

ward 4 in Ogboma was the only ward out of the 10 in the council area won by the PDP in the April 20, 2013 local government election in the area.

Receiving the defectors, Governor Adams Oshiomhole said his government would continue to extend development to every nook and cranny of the state irrespective of political divide.

He promised the people of Ogbonna that the state government would immediately deploy the rapid response agency to sink a second borehole in the community to be reticulated to various quarters and homes.

Prest said the main focus of his government would be to wage a total war against corruption and develop the state with the 'sufficient' funds in the state.

He told journalists at a press conference in Lagos yesterday that the only way the people would be liberated was to re-establish a democratic government that would be determined by the people.

• "Every Delta native knows that corruption has destroyed the state. I know that we are not a helpless people and we cannot be slaves in our own land.