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### ■Bring his killers to book, govt tells police

Governor Chibuike Amaechi's uncle, Mr. Sabinus Ordu, has been murdered by yet-to-be-identified assailants, in his hometown, Ubima in Ikwerre Local Government Area of Rivers State.

News of the victim's murder was broken yesterday, by the state Commissioner for Information, Mrs. Ibim Semenitari, at a media briefing in Port Harcourt. She disclosed that the octogenarian was assassinated last Monday while his mutilated body was discovered in the bush.

According to her, the deceased was a career civil servant and vice principal of Community Secondary School, Aluu, also in Ikwerre Local Government Area.

It was gathered that the deceased was reportedly trailed by unknown assailants when he went to check some of his traps in the bush.

"The late Mr. Sabinus Ordu, who is an uncle to Governor Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi, returned home in the afternoon from CSS, Aluu where he was the vice principal and told the boy staying with him that he was going into the bush to check his traps after having a meal.

"He then mounted his motorcycle and left for the bush, but did not return until it was night. At about 8.00pm, the boy raised an alarm which attracted the villagers. A search party was sent to look for him. "The search party, on their way into the bush, saw the victim's motorcycle by the bush path, and immediately went into the bush where they found his lifeless body, mutilated with several machete cuts. The matter has been reported to the police at Elele, while his remains have been deposited at the morgue", she stated.

The Commissioner for Information further said that the state government was concerned about the ugly development, especially as the 2015 general elections were fast approaching, even as she called on the

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police to step in and ensure that the perpetrators of the heinous crime were brought to book.

"We are concerned about this development, especially because these are obvious signs as we get closer to the general elections. We don't want to point fingers or cast aspersions, but Mr. Ordu was only a civil servant and a peace-loving man. He was a simple citizen and was not into government contracts.

"Perhaps, his only crime was that he is related to Governor Amaechi. We are calling on the police to bring Mr. Ordu's killers to book. This cannot be another mystery murder; this cannot be another unresolved murder case. The people of Rivers State will continue to resist the murder of innocent people".

She added: "God alone gives life and only God can take a life. This is a crime against the innocent and the poor". Responding to questions from journalists on the heinous act, Semenitari, said the ugly development would not be unconnected with the politics in the state.

"At this point, we are unwilling to cast any aspersion. We hope it is not politically motivated. We can't adduce any reason for the murder. Every indicator points to the strong likelihood that this was politically motivated", she said.

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