

PDP, APC ward leaders killed in Rivers

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GUNMEN have assassinated one Nwozuruaka Anele at his apartment in Alakahia community in Obio/Akpor Local Government of Rivers State.

Anele was reportedly killed early yesterday, in front of his family members.

Sunday Sun gathered that Anele, until his untimely death, was the Alakahia chapter chairman of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and a youth leader in the community.

Wife of the deceased, Orlumati Nwozuruaka, said those who murdered her husband were many, saying that her husband was killed despite several pleas by her children.

She said the killers of her husband forced her to lie and face down to avoid identification, before assassinating him about 2 am.

She narrated: "We were sleeping when we noticed some noise at our main door. I woke up. I did not know that my husband had also noticed it and woke up

and ran to the bathroom.

"Immediately, his killers, who were many in number, forced their way in and asked my husband of his ATM card and he told them that it was inside the car outside. He requested that they follow him to the car, but they said no need.

"They dragged him to the parlour, I and my children were pleading; my little daughter pleaded, 'brother, please leave my father alone; there, they shot him dead. All I could hear from my husband is, mother, I'm gone", she lamented.

The immediate elder brother of the victim, Jeffrey Omejuriowhor-Amadi, said his brother was killed because of his stance for justice and fairness.

He called on the government and security agencies to unravel the perpetrators of the dastardly act.

We just wake up to see the lifeless body of my younger brother, who did not have a problem with anyone. He was not a cultist, not a rapist and not also a criminal. We are all surprised, he only stood against injustice

"Security operatives and government

must do everything possible to arrest the killers of my brother and bring to an end the incessant killings in this part of the state".

The killing of Anele came a month after members of cult groups in the community denounced membership of a cult group and embraced peace.

Another young man identified as An-ebo Amadi, who was a member of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Rumuekini community in Obio/Akpor LGA has also been murdered by unknown gunmen.

The assailants ambushed him at his family house and shot him dead.

Sunday Sun gathered that men of the Inspector General of Police Monitoring Team have visited the scene of the incident at Alakahia.

When contacted, the State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Nnamdi Omoni, confirmed the incident.

Omoni said the investigation had been launched into the case as ordered by the state Commissioner of Police, adding that the area was calm.