

# Soludo condemns killing of Obosi PG, 3 youths in Okpuno

By **Our Reporter**

**ANAMBRA** State Governor, Prof. Chukwuma Soludo, has condemned the gruesome murder of Hon. Ike Okolo, the President General of Obosi community in Idemili North Local Government Area of the state.

The community leader was reportedly murdered in his car by yet-to-be identified gunmen suspected to be cultists.

3 The Governor, also condemned the killing of three youths in Nodu village, Okpuno in Awka South LGA and vowed to bring the perpetrators of the dastardly act to book.

Soludo, in a statement issued by his Press Secretary, Christian Aburime, said that he was saddened by the ugly development and assured that the perpetrators would be apprehended and dealt with.

The statement reads: "The attention of Anambra State Government has been drawn to killings within the state as a consequence of cult-related war among rival cult groups in Okpuno, Ifite, and Obosi communities.

"The state governor, Professor Chukwuma Soludo, has condemned the cult-related war among rival groups and subsequent killings in Obosi

and Okpuno in Idemili North and Awka South Council Areas respectively.

"In Obosi, the President General of the community, Hon. Ike Okolo, was reportedly shot dead in a petrol station on Monday, January 2, 2023, by gunmen, while in Obi Maduka's compound within Nodu village square, Nodu Okpuno, gunmen killed four people identified as Onyiebo Okoye, Kenechukwu Okeke,

Jude Ebenezer and Obinna Maduka.

"Governor Soludo condemns these mindless killings in the strongest terms and has assured that the perpetrators will be apprehended and decisively dealt with, even if they have ran out of town. He stressed that they will be hunted down to face the full wrath of the law.

"This festive season, Anambra has enjoyed the best

Christmas ever in decades as it was traffic-free with a new system of traffic control put in place by the government during the festive season with Anambra Youth Volunteers and the state traffic management agency working 24 hours at all the critical points to control traffic.

"Today, Monday, January 2, that used to be observed as sit at home, witnessed massive outdoor activities, as the

state bubbled with activities all over.

"Governor Soludo further reassured that the cult gangs that fought today will surely be tracked down and dealt with decisively in accordance with the law.

"He called on Ndi Anambra to go about their normal duties and enjoy the season as the challenges are isolated cases that will be nipped in the bud soon."

## Emefiele: Lawyer gives Malami 7-day ultimatum to prosecute DG, DSS

From **Godwin Tsa**, Abuja

A legal practitioner has issued a Seven-day ultimatum on the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami (SAN), to prosecute the Director-General of the State Security Services (DSS), Yusuf Magaji Bichi, over his role in the aborted plot to frame CBN Governor Godwin Emefiele for terrorism financing, or risked legal action.

In a petition addressed to the AGF, the lawyer, Peter Abang, (SAN), is pressing for a full scale criminal inquiry into the circumstances

leading to the failed attempt to rope the CBN Governor into allegations of terrorism financing and fraudulent activities by the DSS.

While describing the plot as baseless and oppressive, Abang said the petition dated December 30, 2022, serves as a notice to commence an action for mandamus to compel AGF offices to arrest and prosecute all persons and/or parties, who are connected in the event he fails at acceding to the request within seven days.

The petition reads: "In view of the above, suit filed by the State Security Services, which the Chief Judge

of the Federal High Court, the Hon. Justice John Tsoho, delivered its ruling on 9th December, 2022, a certified copy of the ruling is attached and we are by this letter respectfully requesting that your good offices commence a full scale criminal inquiry into the circumstances leading to the failed attempt by the State Security Services (otherwise known as the Department of State Services) to frame the Governor of the CBN on allegations and trumped up terrorism financing charges as well as other sundry offences. We also request that your offices conduct a thorough investi-

gation and ultimately arrest and prosecute all persons and/or parties connected to the failed rogue operation in the overall interest of Nigeria.

"Note that this letter serves as a notice to commence an action for mandamus to compel your offices to arrest and prosecute all persons and/or parties who are connected in the event that you fail at accede to our request within 7 days from the date of service of this letter to you."

## Theft: Oriolowo demand million damages from C

From **Lateef Dada**