APC chairman dies during bloody clash with PDP in A/ Ibom

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The Ward Chairman of All Progressives Congress (APC) Mr John Monday Marcus of ward 2 in Ukanafun local government area, Akwa Ibom state have been reportedly killed in a bloody fight with faction of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) within APC in the area.

Daily Sun gathered that trouble started when a popular politician from the ward who recently defected to APC in the ward donated money to the party to appreciate grassroot leaders but the APC ward chairman hijacked the cash while PDP members resisted before fight ensued.

Eyewitness who pleaded anonymity said even APC members were annoyed by action of the late ward chairman and descended on him as they smashed his head using broken bottle resulting in free for all fight at the venue of the meeting.

"The action of the deceased infuriated the old APC faithfuls who descended on him and smashed his head with bottle and he died on the spot"

"Remains of the late John Monday Marcus has deposited in the mortuary"

However, family members of the deceased have expressed shock over the incident and the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the area have described death of the ward chairman as shocking to entire APC in the state.

A statement signed by Ukanafun chapter publicity secretary of APC Hon Stanley Sunday Peter and made available to Journalists in Uyo said the death of late John Monday Marcus has not only shocked party members in the ward but has also reverberated throughout the entire APC family in area and beyond.

The statement reads in parts

"Late John Monday was a committed party loyalist, he was known for his unwavering dedication to the growth and unity of the APC in the ward.

"He played a pivotal role in mobilizing support for the party in past elections and was widely respected for his humility, discipline and selfless service to the party and his community.

"As a party, we express our deep sorrow over the loss, noting that his death is a painful reminder of the fragility of life".

Peter further described the departed ward chairman as a leader, brother, and tireless servant of APC adding that his contributions to the advancement of APC in Ward 2 and Ukanafun at large will remain indelible in the mind people

In a telephone interview, the Police Public Relations Officer, Akwa Ibom State Command, DSP Timfon John, confirmed the incident and assured that the police will carry out investigation on the matter.

"Yes we aware of the incident and investigation is ongoing to bring perpetrators of the crime to book