

Man murdered in Ebonyi, LG chair bans motorcycles at night

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A middle-aged man in Okposi, Ohaozara Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, David Anoke has been killed by gunmen.

Anoke was killed over the weekend at Court Area axis in the area.

The state Police Spokesperson, SP Joshua Ukandu, said the command was investigating the killing.

He said a team of policemen have been deployed to the area, noting that normalcy has since returned.

“Yes, the command is investigating the killing of one person in Okposi. Meanwhile, officers have been deployed to the area and normalcy has since returned.”he said.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of Ohaozara Local Government Area, Ajah Chinonso-Consider, has also confirmed the gruesome murder in a statement.

He said with a heavy heart, strongly condemned in totality the gruesome killing of Mr. David Anoke, popularly known as Davido at Court Area, Okposi, on Friday, 29th August, 2025, by unidentified gunmen.

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The Council Boss said that the serial trajectory of extrajudicial killings in Ohaozara must stop, adding that the local government has always been known as a land of peace, unity, and co-existence, fostering economic growth and development across the 3 communities of Uburu, Okposi, and Ugwulangwu.

“We cannot allow the activities of criminal elements to tarnish this reputation or destabilize our people.”

“I call for calm, collaboration, and cooperation from all residents as security agencies at both the Federal and State levels have already commenced swift investigations to ensure that the perpetrators of this evil act are apprehended and brought to justice.”

According to the statement, as part of preventive and proactive measures, with immediate effect, movement of motorcycles (bikes) and tricycles (keke) in and out of Okposi between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m daily is hereby prohibited.

Stating that henceforth any person found moving with a bike and keke within the restricted hours shall have the bike and keke impounded and handed over to the appropriate security agencies.

“The bike and keke curfew is a security intervention aimed at assisting security agencies in fishing out criminal elements and forestalling further occurrences.”

“I appeal and urge stakeholders, traditional rulers, civil society groups, religious leaders, town union executives, and community leaders who have been instrumental in keeping Ohaozara peaceful to continue lending their unwavering support.”

“We do not have any other home but Ohaozara, and together we must protect it from the menace of extrajudicial killings, violence, and other criminal activities.”

“Let us stand united, remain vigilant, and work collectively with security agencies to restore lasting peace to our land”, he said.