

Bloody Akwa Ibom: ACN Chieftain Assassinated In Uyo

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A chieftain of Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN), Anthony Udom, was today attacked in Uyo, Akwa Ibom capital by gunmen suspected to be hired assassins.

Udom, a retired Assistant Commissioner of Police whose last service was in Bayelsa state was attacked and killed by unknown assailants at Udo Umana by Obinoh junction in Uyo on Wednesday afternoon.

Police spokesman in Akwa Ibom, ASP Onyeka Orji, confirmed the death of the retired Police Officer in a telephone interview with our Saharareporters.

He was shot severally in his Peugeot 307 car at the traffic light junction when his assailants ordered him to stop.

Eye witnesses told Sahara Reporters the assailants who operated in a motorcycle shot from the passenger side of the vehicle; the victim attempted to escape from the scene but was felled by assassins bullets.

He was shot severally at close range until his killers were convinced that he was dead.

Police Sources in Akwa Ibom Police command confirmed the incident and did not provide additional details. It was gathered that the assassination might be connected with the bribery scandal that involved the chairman of ACN, Aniekan Akpan, who reportedly collected a huge amount of money to endorse the results of the governorship elections held on April 26 which his party members had rejected.

There are fears that the victim may have been involved in the deal that saw the ACN pay an unscheduled "solidarity visit" to Governor Akpabio. The victim, a source said, may have had a rethink and wanted to retrace his steps.

Aniekan Akpan has gone underground as his whereabouts remains unknown; calls to his mobile phonenumber shows that his phone lines were switched off fueling speculations that he has fled the state.

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