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Assassins kill local government speaker

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The Speaker of the legislative arm of Etsako Central Local Government Council, Fugar in Edo State, Hon. Samuel Ojo Edogamhe, has been murdered by five men who were suspected to be assassins.

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The legislator was killed at a Total Filling Station, along the Benin-Aviele expressway as he was returning from a trip, where he had gone to see members of his family in Warri.

According to a source, the deceased had stopped to buy fuel at the filling station when he was attacked.

The Special Assistant to the late Speaker, Mr. Mohammed Abu Omokpo, who spoke with Daily Sun revealed that his late boss was attacked at the gate of the pump station, as he was leaving the premises.

“My Honourable was returning from a trip, where he had gone to see his family in Warri. He drove in his KIA car and was to return immediately to resume duties. But I was told that five gunmen stopped him, shot and killed him,” the Aide said.

Mohammed further disclosed that the killers escaped in the late speaker’s KIA car after the murder.

Daily Sun gathered that some youths in the area hi-jacked the corpse as the body was to be buried. It was gathered that the community members stopped the ambulance at the gate of the Council Secretariat to protest the dastardly act.

One of the youths, who spoke on the condition of anonymity revealed:

“We refused to bring the corpse out of the ambulance. They wanted to take the Honourable inside the council’s premises. But we said ‘no’. We quickly took the body from there to bury it by ourselves.”

The late councilor was said to have begged his assailants to spare his life and offered them money before they later opened fire on him.

Daily Sun gathered that the killers also made away with the late Speaker’s SIM cards.

The late politician left behind a wife and three children to mourn him.

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