

Gunmen Kill PDP Chair in Enugu

Tragedy struck in Enugu yesterday as unknown gunmen shot and killed the chairman of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Enugu South local government area of the state, Mr. Steve Ani.

Eye-witness account had it that Ani was about driving into his country home at Amechi Awkunanaw when two young men on a motorcycle double crossed him and pointed guns at him.

The source said that before the PDP chairman could make any move, the gunmen who were at a very close range, pumped bullets at him.

Caught by the haul of bullets, Ani lost control of the vehicle and ran into a ditch.

While he was scream-

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ing and shouting for help, the gunmen moved closer to the car and pumped more bullets at him.

The sound of gunfire forced everybody within the vicinity to scamper for safety, leaving the victim in a pool of his own blood inside the car.

The gunmen were said to have escaped through the Amechi axis of Enugu-Port-Harcourt expressway, while policemen later recovered Ani's lifeless body and his gun riddled car from the scene where the incident occurred.

The Commissioner for Police in the state, Job Doma confirmed the incident.

Doma however said that there were indications that Ani's death may not be unconnected with cultism.

"The incident occurred on Friday. He was driving to his house when suddenly people waylaid his vehicle and immediately opened fire. They killed him on the spot. I don't understand why people should be killing other people like rats. But we have this feeling that his death may be related to cultism and cult violence" he said.

Doma added that three suspects have so far been arrested by the police in connection with the killing, adding that the suspects would be charged to court as soon as their culpability was established.