

Two Monarchs Killed by Gunmen in Imo

● Uzodimma vows to fish out perpetrators

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Another round of killings continued in Imo state yesterday as two traditional rulers were killed by unknown gunmen at the council headquarters in Njaba local government.

The affected monarchs were Eze E. A. Duruebure, Obi one of Okwudor and Eze Sampson Osunwa of Ihebi, who were autonomous community.

The monarchs were said to

have met their untimely death when the gunmen struck in the council headquarters where they were holding stakeholders' meeting and opened fire at them.

THISDAY gathered that the traditional rulers were having a stakeholders meeting at Nnenasa, Njaba Local Government Area, when the hoodlums struck.

As of the time of filing this report, the council headquarters was in a state of panic.

The police spokesperson in the

state, Mike Abattam, said the two monarchs had been confirmed dead.

In reaction, Governor Hope Uzodimma condemned the development, which he described as another dimension of killing in the state by trailing traditional rulers that were holding a meeting and murdered them.

He promised to fish out the gunmen, saying his administration would not fold its arms and allow criminals to take over the state.