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RE: POLICE AND THE KILLERS OF GOVERNORSHIP ASPIRANT'S MOTHER

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Dear Editor,

RE: POLICE AND THE KILLERS OF GOVERNORSHIP ASPIRANT'S **MOTHER**

I read online the Nigerian national dailies of Wednesday, June 30, 2010 that the 69-year old Lady Philomena **Udonwa**, mother of a Singapore-based shipbuilder, Engineer Iniekong **Udonwa**, has been killed after about 49 days of kidnap and her body recovered along Usung Idim Road in Etinan LGA of the State.

Engineer **Udonwa** had returned to Nigeria some months back to dust up his campaign organization aimed at wresting power from Governor Akpabio on **PDP** platform. It was reported that sometime last month he was shot and his **mother** kidnapped. After the incident **Akwa Ibom** Police Commissioner Walter Rugbere reportedly said that **Udonwa** was receiving treatment in an undisclosed hospital in Uyo, vowing to fish out the perpetrators, but until Lady **Udonwa** was killed and dumped; Police did nothing to match the Commissioner's statement. Engineer **Udonwa** reportedly, has successfully escaped back to Singapore. According to The Nation (Nigerian newspaper) of Wednesday, June 30, 2010, the Police Commissioner was quoted as "disclosing that the kidnappers had asked the family to announce that Engineer **Udonwa** was dead before their **mother** would be released"(?)

Indigenes of **Akwa Ibom** State have consistently complained the double-standard with which the Commissioner of Police handles criminal matters in **Akwa Ibom**. It will be recalled that when one Paul Inyang understood to have interest in **PDP** State chairmanship was killed in a church on June 20, 2010. Police did not waste few minutes to claim identifying his killers; in a matter of acting a script. Some insist that Paul

Inyang may have been sacrificed in order for government in power to get at the opposition. Both Governor Akpabio and IGP Onovo paid condolence visits in grand styles; the governor reportedly doling out millions of naira to the family.

It is becoming increasingly clear that the government in **Akwa Ibom** does not tolerate opposition and the Nigeria Police Force (a federal institution?) seems to be collaborating. I feel something urgent need to be done by President Goodluck Jonathan about this and other States in similar situation.

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