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A young barber simply identified as Israel has been shot dead in the residence of a popular cement dealer and high profile politician, Mr. Ubong Obot, before the money magnate was abducted by kidnappers who are presently demanding N30 million ransom for his release.

Israel who met his untimely death at the country home of the abducted businessman cum politician in Asong Ama Estate, in Uyo the Akwa Ibom State capital while barbing the kidnapped politician, is the owner of a barbing saloon at No. 19 Iboko Street, Uyo.

The business mogul believed to be the financier of many politicians, especially Hon. Emmanuel Obot his senior brother and former personal assistant to the former Governor of Akwa Ibom State, Obong Victor Attah, it is believed, was abducted for reasons not unconnected with the ensuing legal battle on the judgement delivered by the elections tribunal on the Uyo Federal House of Representative elections between his brother and a serving member of the National Assembly.

The Akwa Ibom State Governor, Chief Godswill Akpabio, who Vanguard gathered has recently spent so much of the taxpayers money settling kidnappers at a meeting with key family members of the abducted politician expressed bitterness at the development, even as the kidnappers demanded that the ransom should not be paid in mint naira notes to avoid being given marked notes.

The kidnappers who left their phone number after picking the politician are suspected to be indigenes of the state.

who decided to eliminate the young boy who may have known one of them for the fear of being named.

The state police commissioner Mr. Mike Zuokumor who confirmed to Vanguard in a telephone conversation that he was aware of the incidence promised to track down the kidnappers and apprehend them within a very short time.

Meanwhile the state governor is said to be having sleepless nights as the move to impeach the Speaker of the State House of Assembly Rt. Hon. Ignatius Edet intensifies.

The members who have accused the speaker of misappropriating about 750 million naira in the last three months during a meeting with the Governor demanded that except the speaker resigns honourably, he would be impeached as they have already secured the signatures of twenty three out of twenty six members to nail the speaker.

Although the speaker, a member disclosed has dolled out 360 million naira to pacify the members, the initiators of the impeachment have vowed that the speaker can never be spared this time around after being paraded for three times.

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Corruption in AKS(why is d gov can't sl

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I have said that the so called talked about dev in AKS is a lip service.The gov. is corrupt n if he is not,why is he having sleepless night? Cos he knows that it will be made known to the public.Why we in diaspors are earning equivalent of one tenth of what the speaker steal per month due to hard work,they are stealing perpetually without sweating 4 it.Stop fooling yourselves and not us ok.

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Who was killed; the barber or the busine

Written by [Michael Uduk](#), on 29-07-2008 18:19 , IP: 64.4.188.237

The story caption says, "Businessman killed, Barber abdute;" and the story line informs the reader that the businessman was abducted while the barber (poor man) was killed in the scuffle. I appreciate news

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about Akwa Ibom, but of late, the Niger Delta has become the "Wild West," lawless, uncertain and unpredictable. Our people no longer have regard for human life and we visit on our brothers and sisters the type of wickedness that is horrific and unspeakable. If money were to provide sanity and happiness, then these kidnaps would have stopped by now. No, it seems even stealing public funds by force or by tricks (e. g. kidnapping people) does not provide peace of mind or sanity to the perpetrators of crime. How will we grow socially, economically and politically as a people if we continue to victimize our own people? Think about this people!

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