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Edo Cabinet Director dies of bullet wounds

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BENIN — Edo State Government, yesterday, mourned the death of a cabinet Director with the state government, Mr Friday Ewansigha, who died two weeks after he was shot by suspected assassins.

Ewansigha, Director of Cabinet responsible for convening state executive council meetings, died at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital on December 27, 2013, aged 56. It was learnt that members of the state Executive Council, led by Governor Adams Oshiomhole, were shocked when they arrived for the weekly executive council meeting and heard about the death of the man responsible for organising the weekly meeting.

A family source who spoke to Vanguard, said that the deceased, who was a former Director at the state Pensions Board, died of wounds he sustained when he was shot on December 13, 2013, at his residence in Evbotubu, Benin City.

“He was shot while trying to find out why his generator suddenly went off. The assassins had pulled off the wire from the generator in order to lure him out,” he said.

Governor Oshimhole, during the first state executive council meeting for the year, described the late director as a dedicated man, saying that everything would be done to bring his killers to book.

He said: “The late director was a dedicated man. He was dedicated to his duty and we will surly miss him. The police are already investigating the matter and we will do our best to get the killers and bring them to justice.”

When contacted, the Edo State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Moses Eguavoen, said he would confirm the incident from the Divisional Police Officer, Evbotubu police station.

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