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Gunmen kill NBA Chairman in Ughelli

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UGHELLI – THE series of killings rocking Ughelli metropolises, Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State, took a different dimension on Thursday night when gunmen suspected to be assassins killed in cold blood, the Ughelli branch chairman of the Nigeria Bar Association, NBA, Barr Austin Icheghe.

The incident it was gathered happened around 9pm at the 14 Ekredjebor residence of the victim in the presence of his immediate family.

When Vanguard visited the Icheghe residence on Friday, the pool of blood of the victim was still on the ground with sympathizers and family members thronging the residence to mourn with the family.

Speaking to Vanguard, a niece of the deceased, Egunor Uviesa said her uncle was shot in front of his apartment while alighting from his vehicle at the close of work.

She said: “As soon as he came down from his vehicle, they accosted him, and shot him on the head with the bullet damaging part of his face. He was immediately rushed to a private clinic here in Ughelli where he was confirmed dead.”

Meanwhile, the Executive Director, Center for the Vulnerable and the Underprivileged, CENTREP, Barr Oghenejabor Ikimi while condemning the incident, described it as barbaric and wondered why anyone would want to sentence a lawyer to death.

Reacting to the incident, Ikimi said: “The killing of the NBA chairman brings to mind the incessant killings in Ughelli which is on the increase in recent times. We are tired of cases of unresolved murders and assassinations nationwide.

“A year ago, two lawyers in the State were murdered by unknown gunmen on their way to court and the police are yet to arrest the culprits till date. We are calling on the State Commission of Police and his men to wake up and checkmate these killings because we are tired of these killings.”

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