

# Delta councillor shot by suspected herdsmen dies

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**UGHELLI**—TWELVE days after he was reportedly shot by suspected herdsmen, the councillor representing Ward 5 in Ethiope East Local Government Area Legislative Arm, Delta State, Mr. Jude Adjekpovu, has died.

Adjekpovu, who was shot December 4, 2021, on Eku Road while on his way to Abraka, died, yesterday, at an undisclosed hospital where he was receiving treatment.

"There was an attempt to kidnap him and while the driver was trying to manouver, they shot at the vehicle," a source said.

Another source said the kidnappers

suspected to be herdsmen had blocked the Eku-Abraka Road and fired several bullets at him.

The Okurekpo-Eku-Abraka-Agbor Road has become notorious for kidnapping, which occurred frequently on the road. Motorists and people living on that axis have made several appeals to the Police to step up security on the road.

This came as the former lawmaker who represented Ethiope East State constituency, Evans Ivwurie, mourned the death of the late councillor, decrying the increasing cases of kidnapping on the Okurekpo-Eku-Abraka-Agbor Road.

He said: "I woke up this morning to read about the avoidable death of one of our future leaders and great son of

Ethiope East, Adjekpovu. He was a successful entrepreneur and elected councillor representing Ovu Ward 17 of Ethiope East LGA of Delta State.

"Adjekpovu was shot several times on the stomach few days ago by some kidnappers while travelling from Abraka to Warri at one of the many kidnapping spots on the stretch of the Abraka-Eku-Warri Road, around Eku and he died a few days later at a hospital in Warri, where he has been receiving treatment. May his humble soul find eternal rest."

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer of the State command, Mr. Bright Edafe, confirmed that the lawmaker died as a result of gunshot injuries.