

## Gunmen storm palace, kill Imo monarch

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**UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN**, Monday evening, killed the traditional ruler of Ezuhu na Amadi Autonomous Community, in Nguru, Aboh Mbaise Local Government Area of Imo State, Eze James Nnamdi Mmirioma.

A source in the community, who pleaded anonymity, told our correspondent that the monarch was shot in his palace at about 5pm.

He said the gunmen had a conversation with the traditional ruler before releasing bullets on him.

He said: "The traditional ruler of Ezuhu na Amadi Autonomous Community, Nguru, Eze James Nnamdi Mmirioma has been killed by gunmen.

"The gunmen came, had a

conversation with him before shooting him."

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Henry Okoye, when contacted, confirmed the incident adding that the state Commissioner of Police, CP Mohammed Barde had ordered investigation into the incident.

He said: "The Commissioner of Police, Imo State, CP Mohammed Ahmed Barde has condemned in totality the gruesome murder of Eze Mmirioma, a traditional ruler in Aboh Mbaise who died while receiving medical attention at Ndubuisi Hospital after being shot severally in his house today by gunmen and has set up a high powered investigating team to investigate this case and ensure that the perpetrators of this dastardly act are arrested and made to face the full wrath of the law."

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