

# Gunmen kidnap monarch, kill aide in C'River

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**C**ALABAR—The traditional ruler of Akpabuyo Local Government Area of Cross River State, HRM Maurice Edet, was Sunday night abducted by gunmen at his residence in Asin Ufot, Ayamba Ikot Akriba community.

It was gathered that an aide to the traditional ruler was shot dead in the process of the abduction, which lasted hours.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Irene Ugbo, who

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confirmed the incident, said details were unknown to her at press time.

A source, who pleaded anonymity, told *Vanguard* that the traditional ruler's aide was killed as he tried to resist the kidnappers from abducting his principal.

Akpabuyo, known for its notoriety, is less than 15 kilometres from Calabar, the capital city of

Cross River State.

Meanwhile, Professor Patrick Egaga of the University of Calabar (UNICAL) kidnapped about 26 days ago, has been released by his abductors weekend.

Egaga, who is UNICAL's Director of Servicom, was abducted in the institution's staff quarters on November 12, 2023, after which his abductors demanded N50 million ransom.

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