

Also on Sunday, Secretary General of Okija Progressive Union, Peter Awa, and one other person, Izuchukwu Igwenagha, popularly known as Onwa, were on Sunday murdered in the town by gunmen.

While Awa, who is also the Chancellor of the Knights of St Mulumba, Okija Sub Council, was killed in a market square in his Umudioka village, Izuchukwu Igwenagha was murdered over an alleged land dispute in his Isieke village.

Also the same day, a businessman at Nkwo Okija was kidnapped as he was driving home from a function.

Awa was appointed secretary of Okija last year following a town union election conducted by the Anambra State Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy, and Town Union Matters.

Until the incident, he was practising Law in Ihiala. Only recently, there was an attempt to kidnap his wife, also a lawyer at Ihiala, but the attempt failed.

It was gathered that he attended a village meeting a few hours before his gruesome murder.

The Anambra State Police command said it has begun investigation into the murder.

.The state Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Tochukwu Ikenga said preliminary information revealed that the assailants of Awa , operating in motor bikes, shot the deceased as he was about to alight his vehicle to safety when he was approached by the murderers.

According to the PPRO, some eyewitnesses have provided details that were already aiding the investigation.