

# They killed my 3 brothers, now they

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**P**RESIDENT/founder of Liberty Gospel Foundation Ministries, Apostle (Mrs.) Heien Ukpabio has appealed to President Goodluck Jonathan and Inspector General of Police, Mohammed Abubakar to save her and other members of Chief Essien Akpabio's family from imminent extermination.

She said those who allegedly connived with security operatives to

murder three of her brothers on March 25, 2012 were still trailing her and her aged parents for possible elimination.

She also called for the institution of commission of enquiry to look into the brutal killings of the young men and immediate release of the remaining corpse of one of the deceased to the family for proper burial.

Ukpabio who made the appeal during a joint press conference with family's attorney, Victor Ukutt in

Lagos, narrated how her aged parents now live in fears, having relocated from their home to evade the attackers.

Sobbing all through the conference, she also narrated how she had been receiving threats from unknown persons since the death of her brothers.

Speaking on behalf of the family, Ukutt narrated how the three young men from the same parents were gruesomely murdered by security operatives under the

supervision of a State Security Service (SSS) operative (names withheld) on Sunday March 25, 2012 in Mente

Village, Ini Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State.

According to Ukutt, the three brothers namely;

Charles Akpabio, Emmanuel Akpabio and Joseph Akpabio were lured into a purported



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# want me dead – Apostle Helen Ukpabio

meeting for youth's empowerment in respect of a dam project in the village.

"Joseph Akpabio who is the Youth leader then invited the other youths in the village

for the meeting which was then slated for the next day at his residence at Ikot Ekpene.

Unknown to them, their best friend (names withheld) was used as a bait to lure them

out to be murdered," he said.

Ukutt added that at the meeting, six youths that were present including the three brothers were rounded up, by the security operatives, shot on their knees, handcuffed and herded into their truck.

"The Police and SSS drove them to their village to identify their father to be killed. On arrival at Chief Essien's house they ransacked everywhere looking for Chief Essien. Eventually, they dragged Charles and Joseph to the plantain tree at the back of the compound and executed them. The other four boys including Emmanuel Akpabio were then taken away and were subsequently executed and dumped at the roadside and labeled 'armed robbers' by SSS operatives and the Police."

Ukutt said the gruesome murder was not unconnected with alleged compensation

to be paid to the owners of the land where the dam is to be constructed, noting that Chief Akpabio owns a large percentage of the land.

He said, "At the moment, the killers are still hunting for Chief Essien Akpabio and the daughter, Lady Apostle Helen Ukpabio for elimination in order for them not to have any challenge in the sharing of the dam compensation. We are therefore calling on President of Federal Republic Nigeria, the Director of State Security Service, the Inspector General of Police and the Senate President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to urgently convene a tribunal of inquiry to look into this barbaric act of state terrorism.

"We also call on the President to urgently recover the corpse of Emmanuel Akpabio, whose corpse was taken by men of Obot Akara Police Station, Akwa Ibom State, for decent burial."

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## Enugu Police search for abducted girl, 6

THE Enugu State Police Command has launched an operation to rescue a six-year-old girl, who was kidnapped more than a week ago.

The Public Relations Officer of the command, Mr. Ebere

Amarazu, made the disclosure in a telephone interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Thursday in Enugu.

Amarazu said the command was "on top of the situation" adding: "we are being careful so that the hoodlums would not know our strategy for the rescue

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