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Muhammad Bello

20 May 2010

Port Harcourt — Doctors of the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH) in Rivers State yesterday protested the killing of one of their colleagues, Dr. Chinda Igondah, by unknown gunmen.

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The doctors, who marched through major streets in Port Harcourt before arriving at the Government House, said Dr. Igondah of the Department of Surgery was murdered on Sunday night while on his way home from work. Spokesman for the protesting doctors, Dr. Chizundu Alikor, called on the state government and the security agencies to unravel the killers of Dr. Igondah.

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Dr. Alikor observed that medical doctors had become targets of kidnappers and that they were being murdered in cold blood.

Responding on behalf of the Rivers State governor, the Commissioner for Health Dr. Sampson Parker condoned the doctors and the

family of late Dr. Igondah over the incident, assuring that government would direct security operatives to bring the culprits to book.

He warned that the state government worked hard to attain the level of peace in the state now and would not allow criminals create unnecessary panic in the state.

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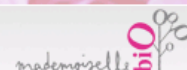


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