

Gunmen kidnap A/Ibom judge, driver, kill police escort

From Iniabasi Umo, Uyo

Gunmen have kidnapped an Akwa Ibom State High Court Judge, Justice Joy Uwanna and her driver, and killed her police escort.

It was gathered that the gunmen posed as vigilantes on the Uyo-Okobo Road on Monday night, and blocked the road to prevent Justice Uwanna, who was returning from a court sitting in Oron.

The gunmen were said to have

opened fire and severally shot the policeman attached to the judge on the head and body, while they whisked the judge and her driver away, and abandoned the slain policeman in the pool of his blood.

The Chairman of the Nigeria Bar Association, Oron branch, Torosco Eyene, who confirmed the incident on Tuesday in Uyo, said the judge was kidnapped along the Okobo axis on her way back to Uyo after a court sitting.

Eyene said members of the NBA have scheduled a meeting with the Commissioner of Police and State Security Service tomorrow (Wednesday).

"Yes, the sitting judge in Oron was kidnapped yesterday (Monday) on her way back to Uyo after court sitting. By tomorrow Wednesday, we are moving down to Uyo to meet with the Commissioner of Police, Olatoye Durusinmi, and the DSS on the issue," he said.

The Police Public Relations

Officer in Akwa Ibom State, Odiko Macdon, described the incident as unfortunate, saying the Commissioner of Police has ordered a discreet investigation into the matter.

Meanwhile, the family of the deceased said the body of the bullet-ridden policeman has been deposited in the mortuary, adding that the head of the policeman was dismembered due to several gunshots, and had to be stitched so that the corpse can be taken to the morgue.