

# Gunmen kill Enugu Speaker's security aide

**A** SECURITY aide attached to the Speaker of the Enugu State House of Assembly, Corporal Benjamin Nwajei, was yesterday morning killed by some unknown persons, who also took away his AK-47 rifle.

Nwajei was killed at the high brow Lagos Street, Asata, Enugu while he was riding on a motorbike, apparently to his duty post — the Speaker's house in the Legislative quarters, Independence Layout.

The incident, which was being discussed in hushed tones by residents yesterday, occurred less than one week after the Speaker, Chief Abel Chukwu, denied reports of an attack on his person while

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returning home after close of work recently.

The Guardian learnt that the Mobile Police corporal was riding on the motorbike when the armed men knocked him down with their vehicle and shot him several times at close range with a pump action rifle.

Another account said that the security aide, who hailed from Delta State, was trailed from the Central Police Station barracks which he had left that morning to join his colleagues at the Speaker's house, preparatory for a schedule of duty tour at

Nsukka.

"He was shot on the chest and all over his body. He fell down and bled to death. Residents of the area ran for their lives when they heard the sporadic shots. They returned later only to see the mobile policeman lying in a pool of blood with his uniform," an eyewitness said.

Confirming the incident yesterday, the Speaker, Chief Abel Chukwu, said that he was already in church for the Sunday service when his wife ran to inform him of the incident. Chukwu said that he immediately rushed to the scene but did not meet the body, as it had been taken away by his colleagues from

the Mopol 3, PMF, Enugu.

"It was a terrible thing, I saw a lot of blood on the ground and I could not imagine what happened. I immediately rushed to the Mobile Police barracks but I was told that his corpse had been deposited at the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital (UNTH). I also went to the Commissioner of Police to inform him of the development," Chukwu said.

The speaker said that he was to attend a function at Nsukka yesterday and had informed his security and personal aides to assemble at his quarters for the trip after the church service but he had to put off all engagements for the day.

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