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Gunmen abduct 90-year-old mother of Senator Paulker

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Sylva worries over abduction of diabetic Uncle

ARMED men Wednesday abducted the 90 years old mother of the senator representing Bayelsa Central Senatorial District, Emmanuel Paulker.

The attack, which caused panic around her Opollo residence in Yenagoa Local Council of the state at about 3:00 a.m., led to the killing of an official of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA). The corpse of the deceased officer of the NDLEA has been deposited at the Okolobiri morgue of the Niger Delta University Teaching Hospital.

One of her children, popularly known as Driver, who was with her during the attack, was reportedly shot in the arm by the armed men.

Family sources said that the mother of the senator was kidnapped four years ago and spent almost two weeks in the den of the kidnappers.

The kidnappers were said to have gained access to their victim's

residence after cutting the protector to the building and escaped with her in their get-away vehicle.

One of the residents of the Opollo area of the state and state

Co-ordinator of the Environmental Right Action (ERA), Morris

Alagoa, said: "We were woken up at about 3:00 a.m. by heavy gun shots. Later in the morning, we were told that the old woman has been abducted."

Confirming the report, the spokesman of the state Police

Command, Mr. Alex Akhigbe, said a team of police operatives was alerted and they responded by pursuing the kidnappers up to the entrance of the state capital.

"The police chased them till Tombia where they disappeared. We have set up surveillance around the area and our men are presently combing the area to see that we free her", he said.

Meanwhile, former Bayelsa State Governor, Chief Timipre Sylva, whose 86 years old Uncle was abducted last week, has expressed concern over the treatment meted out to him and his state of health.

According to a close source: "His Excellency is not happy by the way the Uncle was treated. He was told that when the man refused to go with the kidnappers, he was beaten and dragged on the floor. The man served this country and retired as an Army Major. How can they treat him like that?"

The source also informed The Guardian that the abducted Sylva's Uncle has a poor health and is a diabetic patient. They should not

let him die."



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