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Gunmen abduct judge, kill orderly

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Driver sustains gunshot wounds

Barely one year after a judge of the Kogi State High Court, Justice Samuel Obayomi was kidnapped and his police orderly killed, a judge of the Customary Court of Appeal in the state, Mr. Isa Momoh

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Usman, has been kidnapped by suspected gunmen.

His police orderly was reportedly killed during the incident, which occurred along the Itakpe – Kuroko Road on Sunday evening, while they were returning to Lokoja, the state capital.

The judge was said to have travelled to his village over the weekend and was returning to Lokoja when the suspected gunmen stopped his car along the Okene – Itakpe bye pass in Okehi local council.



It was learnt that the suspected kidnappers mowed down the police orderly immediately while the driver of the judge received bullet wounds, before their victim was taken to an unknown destination.

A source said the late police orderly made to prevent the kidnappers from abducting the judge when he was shot by one of the abductors, and his service pistol taken away.

The remains of the late police orderly has been deposited at the morgue in an undisclosed hospital, and the driver who was said to have received several gun shots is receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital in Lokoja.

It was gathered that the kidnappers stopped the official car of Usman and ordered him to come down following which his orderly attempted to resist the abduction.

However, the ensued arguments was said to have led to gunshot and the kidnappers in the process shot the orderly, wounded the driver and succeeded in taking away the judge.

A visit to the state judiciary yesterday showed the

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workers, lawyers and parties before the courts discussing the development. It was also gathered that the abductors have opened a line of communication with the relatives but were yet to make any demand for ransom that would make them release the judge.

Confirming the incident, the information officer, Kogi State Ministry Justice, Mr. Saeed Saeed, said the Customary Court of Appeal judge was kidnapped along Okene-Kuroko bye pass on Sunday evening.

Efforts made to confirm the killing of the police orderly proved abortive as calls made to the Kogi Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Willy Aya, was not responded to.

It would be recalled that the Inspector General of Police, Solomon Arase, had deployed a special squad and a helicopter in the state following an increase in the activities of kidnappers in the state.

But barely one week after the special squad of federal SARS returned to their base and the helicopter stopped hovering over the state, the kidnappers seemed to have re-launched themselves for their criminal activities.

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