

Gunmen kill three, abduct tricycle chief at Unizik Junction, Awka

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THREE people lost their lives, while the owner of a red-coloured Camry car was abducted by gunmen, who blocked his car at Unizik junction in Awka, Anambra State.

An eye witness said those who lost their lives include two men suspected to belong to an anti-cult team and a woman, who ran for safety from nearby Eastern Mass Transit.

The woman was hit by a stray bullet and was feared dead as sympathisers made efforts to take her to a nearby hospital. According to the witness, the owner of the red Camry, who was described as a top leader of Tricycle operations in Awka axis, nicknamed "Snoop", was ambushed and ragged out of the car and bundled into the booth of the Camry car the attackers came with and driven away to an unknown destination.

The shooting spree created confusion, forcing travellers and passersby to scamper to safety to avoid being caught by stray bullets.

The killing heightened a protest by Tricycle operators in Awka North and Awka

•Anambra community protest kidnap of Monarch

South Local Councils of the state, who are opposed to the four thousand Naira (N4,000) levy forcefully imposed on Tricycle (Keke) operators in Awka North and Awka South Local Government Areas of Anambra State. The Chief Convener of the protest, Recover Nigeria Project (RNP), Comrade Ositadimma Obi alleged that some persons are in collusion with personnel of the State Ministry of Transport to enforce compliance against the wishes of majority of the Keke operators.

Similarly, the Ogwuaniocha community in Ogbaru Council of Anambra State has staged a peaceful protest over the abduction of their traditional ruler, Igwe Oliver

Nnaji.

Leaders in the community carried placards with various inscriptions and marched along Enugu-Onitsha Expressway to the Governor's office and the State Judiciary Headquarters, in Awka.

Some of the placards read, "Ogwuaniocha community cries out for help", "Declare Mr Okwudiri Ogana and his Lion squad gang wanted for Kidnapping Igwe Nnaji", "Gov. Willie Obiano rescue Igwe Oliver Nnaji from captivity", "Justice Emeka Okuma of Ogbaru High Court has caused doom in Ogwuaniocha" and "Chief Judge reassign our community case to a neutral judge", among others.

CHANGE OF NAMES

I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs Caroline Olanrewaju Campbell Ekemode, Campbell Olabimpe Caroline, Caroline Olanrewaju Campbell, AND my Son Ekemode Jr Karmaldeen Oluwagbemiga, Ekemode Karmaldeen Oluwaranmilowo, Ekemode Olatunji Peter, Ekemode Karmaldeen Oluwaranmilowo JR, AND my Son Ekemode Abiola Opeoluwa, Ekemode Abiola Olaoluwa, Ekemode Abiola Olaoluwanimonje, NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MRS CAROLINE OLANREWAJU EKEMODE and EKEMODE KARMALDEEN OLATUNJI and EKEMODE ABDULGANIYU ABIOLA.
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