

Gunmen Abduct IPMAN chairman, kill driver in Edo

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CHAIRMAN of the Edo State chapter of the Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN), Alhaji Abdul-Hamid Egele, yesterday was abducted by gunmen at his residence in Jattu, Etsako West Local Government Area of the state. Egele, popularly known as Baba Petrol, was abducted on Monday evening while his driver was killed in the process.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Edo Command, SP Bello Kontongs said the state command was yet to get a report of the incident.

"The command is not aware. I will find out from the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of

Jattu," Kontongs said. However, an eyewitness said, on condition of anonymity, that the incident happened at about 7 p.m. on Monday. The eyewitness said that the businessman was returning home after the day's business only to be accosted by gunmen. "The gunmen ambushed the IPMAN chairman with two vehicles without plate number and fired at his jeep and killed his driver.

"The IPMAN chairman was later taken away after the security attached to him were overpowered by the gunmen who injured the security operatives," the eyewitness said.