

sidy deduction by the Federal Government of Nigeria or any of her agencies such as the Nigerian

taxes. The company has full and unconditional access to all accounts, books, records or

"As at now the sum of N880,264,243,683.61 has been

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Edison said.

Oluwole Rotimi's wife kidnapped in Ibadan

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this case, we learnt that the driver of the woman was looking at the abductors when they took her away.

"And we found out that there was a rift between the woman and her workers, because she was said to have owed them three months salary and there was a kind of agitation from the aggrieved workers.

"In the course of demanding for their unpaid three month-salary, some of them were sacked.

"So, it seems there is a foul play in this case. It is not in anyway related to other kidnapping cases in the South East and South South," Lanade said.

Another report from Delta State on Tuesday said unknown gunmen have again invaded Ughelli town, headquarters of the Ughelli North Local Government area of the state, where they abducted Harry Fadi, a Lebanese, and killed one of the soldiers attached to Setraco Nigeria Limited, the construction

firm handling the dualisation of the East-West Road.

An eyewitness told our correspondent that the heavily armed gunmen stormed the construction site of the company at Ekuigbo-Ughelli at about 8.30 a.m.

The eyewitness, who did not want his name in print, stated that during the process of whisking away the expatriate by about four suspected kidnappers in a Mercedes Benz 190 car, one of the company's operators and a woman who was passing by were hit by bullets during an exchange of fire between the hoodlums and security personnel.

The source disclosed further that the wounded soldier was rushed to a private hospital in Ughelli but gave up the ghost before he could get medical attention.

The source added that the woman was receiving treatment in a hospital and that the operator merely had a minor burnt resulting from impact of bullets.

Similar incident had occurred two weeks ago at Gbaregolor

community, Ewu kingdom, in the Ughelli South Local Government area, where two expatriates attached to the company were kidnapped and many others injured.

When contacted, Delta State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Charles Muka, declined comment, saying the military should be contacted instead.

Several efforts to reach out to the leadership of the Joint Military Task Force (JTF) in the area proved abortive up to press time.

But a senior military officer who does not want his name in print confirmed the incident.

He, however, refused to disclose the name and rank of the soldier that was killed.

Meanwhile, Lagos based Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), Femi Falana, on Tuesday condemned the heightened reaction of the Federal Government and the police toward apprehending suspected kidnappers of mother of the Finance Minister as an act of hypocrisy.

He spoke in a lecture entitled, 'Nigeria's Democracy and Insecurity', to commiserate the 2012 Press Week of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Lagos State chapter, at the Lagos Airport Hotel, Ikeja.

Both Falana and Chairman of the occasion, Femi Adesina, who is the Deputy Managing Director of 'The Sun' Newspapers charged journalists to be bold and expose kidnappers and other terrorists and their sponsors.

The lawyer lamented that kidnapping and other acts of terrorism reflect the incompetence of leadership in the country.

"The government and the police declared that within 24 hours the suspected kidnappers should be brought to book. That shows hypocrisy on their part because they know that the menace is fast becoming a routing occurrence. Several people have been kidnapped and nothing happened.

"How do we get to this level? It is as a result leadership incompetence. We are also given to religion bigotry whereas the

Constitution did not back any state religion, be it Christianity or Islam. The companies are looking up and fast turning to worship centers and we lamenting crime rate.

"The under privileged ones are watching with total dismay the level of corruption with impunity in the country, yet, nobody is being jailed. Between 2006 and 2009 alone over N4.2 trillion oil money was not remitted to the national pulse via the ministries and the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and nobody is facing charges," he bemoaned.

"I put my self in the shoes of the 82-year-old woman and trauma she must be passing through having served this country meritoriously. The danger of what has happened is that no one is safe any longer and government keeps deceiving us.

"Issues of kidnapping, bombing and other terrorism acts are self inflicted pains arising from

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