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Robbers barricade highway, kill medical doctor in Nasarawa

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About 20 armed robbers in the early hours of Thursday barricaded the busy Akkwanga/Abuja federal highway and shot dead one Dr. Moses Kwaghtser Imotyoo, a medical Doctor with the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi Benue State.

Investigation by Daily Independent revealed that the victim was driving his car alongside one of his in-laws to Abuja when he ran into a robbery operation in Akkwanga. But in his attempt to escape, the robbers opened fire on the car.

He was hit in the leg, right hand and on the stomach before the vehicle veered off the road into a ditch, where the robbers later ransacked it and took away telephones and other valuables.

The wife of the deceased, Doochan Imotyoo, who is a Senior Lecturer at the College of Advanced and Professional Studies, Makurdi, stated that her late husband left Makurdi at about 5am on Thursday for a medical check-up in Abuja but could not make it.

Further investigations by Daily Independent also revealed that the corpse was first deposited at the General Hospital in Akkwanga and later transferred to the Bishop Murray Hospital Makurdi.

When contacted on phone, the Nasarawa State Command Police Public Relations Officer, A.G Mallam dined knowledge of the robbery attack, but pledged getting back to journalists after his investigation.

The Akkwanga\Abuja highway is notorious for armed robbery attacks, rape and other criminal activities.

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