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Army Investigates Killing Of Senior Officer In Abia

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The military authorities have started investigating the killing of a senior army officer in Abia State attached to 34 Artillery Brigade, Obinze, by unknown persons.

The Commanding Officer, Brigadier-General Shau Jabba, disclosed this when the new Abia State Police Commissioner, Mr. Jonathan Johnson, paid him a solidarity visit.

He stressed the need for security agencies to be on the alert at all times to avoid being taken unawares, pointing out that the army would thoroughly investigate the circumstance that led to the death of the officer while on duty with the joint task force.

He extolled the cordial relationship between the army and the police and urged the commissioner to carry along other paramilitary agents in the state, especially the Nigeria Civil Defence Corps.

General Jabba promised co-operation and continued support for the police within Abia and Imo States in their fight against criminals

Earlier, the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Jonathan Johnson, said his visit to the Command was to familiarise himself with the regiment, to appreciate the army for their assistance to the police in crime fighting and to commensurate with them over the death of one of their men, adding that his office was also looking into the circumstances that led to the officer falling into the hands of hoodlums.

Most of the officers at the barracks wore black arm bands while the flag flew at half mast in honour of the officer who died on active service.

In another development, an Umuahia Magistrate Court has sentenced a 24- year old man to imprisonment without option of fine for stealing diesel.

The convict, a native of Umuahia Etiti in Imo State, on September 11, 2009 at No. 15 Awkwuzu Lane by Okigwe Road, Umuahia stole 25 litres of diesel from the tank of a parked 911 Mercedes Benz lorry belonging to one Mr. Solomon Uzukwu and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 390 of the Criminal Code.

Mr. Chukwude Kore pleaded guilty, saying that he was led by hunger, and pleaded for leniency.

In his ruling, the Senior Magistrate, Mr. Lawrence Ukizo, said the plea for leniency was fake, stressing that his imprisonment would serve as a deterrent to others.

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