

Gunmen abduct Lulu Briggs' wife

- Policeman shot dead
- Daughter injured

GUNMEN killed a policeman in an overnight attack and kidnapped the wife of a prominent politician in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, a military spokesman said yesterday.

"A policeman was felled during the attack. A number of militants were also wounded," the Joint Task Force (JTF) spokesman Major Musa Sagir said.

He said Seinye, the wife of Lulu Briggs, a prominent member of the ruling People's Democratic Party

From Clarice Azuatalam,
Port Harcourt

(PDP), was abducted.

Sagir said that Briggs' daughter was also wounded when the militants stormed his residence in Port Harcourt between 12:30 am and 3:00 am.

The gunmen had attacked four other buildings in the area before storming the home of the Briggs. He said troops had deployed to the area.

A police spokeswoman said the politician was inside the compound during the attack, but the militants could not locate him.

Briggs also runs Monipulo, an oil service firm in Port Harcourt where his wife served as an executive director.

The motive of the abduction was not clear by Press time yesterday. No group has claimed responsibility for the kidnapping, the latest to hit the restive Niger Delta.

Last week, gunmen kidnapped a 17-year-old boy from his parents' compound at Abonnema, near Port Harcourt.

They have demanded a ransom for his release.

Instability and violence in Niger Delta slashed by a quarter the nation's oil output in Nigeria, 2.1 million barrels per day.

workers strike

A situation in which one side will not honour the agreements will not speak well", the NBA chief said.

According to him, the national executive of the NBA is yet to come out with any position on the situation in the Judiciary but believes the body may soon intervene noting that the interest of the NBA is that the striking workers should be well-remunerated and that there should be an end to indiscriminate strikes in the sector.

Omotoso also noted that well-meaning Nigerians must not allow the on-going state of affairs to be hijacked by those he referred to as "enemies of democracy".