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EFCC BOSS

Barely 24 hours after raising the alarm, armed men yesterday ambushed some operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and killed an officer, Mr. Eze Edoga.

Also, four others are currently on danger-list in a hospital whose identity is kept under wraps.

But the Chairman of the EFCC, Mrs. Farida Waziri, has sent a reinforcement of armed operatives and policemen to the hospital to protect those on danger-list.

According to the Head of Media and Publicity of the EFCC, Mr. Femi Babafemi, the operatives were returning from a court session involving the ongoing trial of Mr. Herbert Chikwe, the husband of Nigeria's Ambassador to Netherlands, Mrs. Kema Chikwe.

Babafemi said: "While our operatives were returning from the hearing of the trial of the husband of a former Minister of Aviation at the Federal High Court in Owerri to Enugu, they were ambushed in a town called Isiala-Mbano.

"The armed men thereafter opened fire on the innocent operatives and killed one of our officers, Mr. Eze Edoga.

"Four others are on danger-list in a hospital whose name I won't disclose to you for security reasons. If these hoodlums know the hospital, they might still go and attack our severely injured men.

"The EFCC chairman is on top of the situation and she has ordered that the best treatment be given to those critically injured."

Responding to a question, Babafemi added: "We won't allow any intimidation or killing of our operatives. This incident cannot also deter us from doing our duties.

"Investigation has started into the attack. But it is a confirmation of our alarm that some suspects on trial are becoming desperate."

The EFCC had on December 19, 2009 arraigned Chikwe in court for alleged N40 million fraud.

According to the commission, Chikwe was arraigned before a Federal High Court in Owerri on Friday.

The suspect was arraigned on a four-count charge of obtaining money by false pretence and issuance of dud cheque totalling N40 million.

The accused person was said to have fraudulently sold three plots of land to one Chief Innocent Obi in Owerri.

A source in EFCC said: "When the buyer went to the registry of the Ministry of Land to perfect the title, it was discovered that the plots were fake as they belong to the state government.

"The buyer went back to the accused person and they both proceeded to see the Director of Land, who confirmed that the sold plots were in gazette as government land.

"But the accused person issued dud cheque totalling N40 million when he wanted to refund the money.

"The matter was reported to the Enugu Zonal Office of the EFCC which led to the investigation of the deal."

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