

Lawyers protest murder of Chief Magistrate in Imo

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LAWYERS in Imo state, Friday, protested the gruesome murder of a Senior Magistrate, Remmy Ogu by gunmen. The protesting lawyers boycotted court sittings across the state.

Addressing a press conference in Owerri before embarking on the protest, the lawyers called on the Inspector General of Police to bring the killers of the chief magistrate who was in charge of Uburu Magistrate's Court in Oru West Council Area of the state.

The Chairman of the Orlu branch of the Nigeria Bar Association (NBA), Chuzzy Attama, who read the position of Imo lawyers said that the courts in the state lacked adequate security men. Attama said that the killing of the Magistrate was a ploy to intimidate the judiciary in the state. He said that they would march to the Government House, Police

headquarters, office of the Chief Judge ,the state House of Assembly and the office of the director of State Security Service to register their anger over the killing of the magistrate.

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According to him, “We demand that the police and other relevant security agencies should carry out a thorough and unfettered investigation into the murder of Senior Magistrate Remmy Ogu and unmask the killers and bring them to justice.” The lawyers also demanded that the Police should “provide armed police orderlies for all the judges and magistrates in the state. Provide armed court duty Police for all the courts in Imo State. Provide official cars for all magistrates and chairmen of Magistrates Courts.”