

Gunmen kill two aides, kidnap boss in Rivers



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Unknown gunmen yesterday killed two aides and kidnapped their boss, suspected to be a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.



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The kidnappers were said to have also shot three of the policemen attached to the Very Important Person, VIP.

The policemen are reportedly receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital.

Public Relations Officer of the state Police Command, Grace Iringe-Koko, a Superintendent, confirmed the incident.

She said that no policeman died in the incident but that the hoodlums killed aides to the victim.

She said the Commissioner of Police in the state had made adequate police mobilisation to ensure the unconditional release of the victim.

A source, who spoke in confidence, said the kidnappers were dressed in military camouflage and carried out the act at about 3pm.

The source said the abductors monitored the VIP and his escort and later launched the attack at the Obiri-Ikwerre interchange in Obio/Akpor Local Government Area, Rivers State.

He said a personal aide and driver to the VIP were killed in the incident and that the policemen escorting them only sustained injuries.

He said the gunmen first shot at the tyre of the police van carrying the policemen forcing the driver to lose control of the vehicle

He said: "This afternoon, gunmen kidnapped a VIP I suspect is a senior lawyer around the Obiri-Ikwerre interchange. The criminals shot at a police van escorting him.

"They killed the driver and another of his aide. They kidnapped the man and ran off. Three policemen that were with them in another van had an accident because the criminals shot their tyre before going for their target."