

NBA disagrees with police over killing of Nsukka lawyer

THE Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Nsukka Branch has expressed dissatisfaction with the account of the Kogi State Police Command on how their colleague, Mr. Elias Ugwu was killed on March 9th by the police.

Ugwu was reportedly killed by security operatives after he had successfully gone to a Kogi forest to pay the

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ransom demanded by kidnappers and secure the release of his kidnapped cousin.

However, the Kogi State Police Command explained that its officers shot and killed the lawyer by mistake after he had allegedly refused to stop at a police checkpoint.

They also accused the

deceased of not informing the police of their plan to pay ransom for the rescue of his cousin, a development the police said made them think the deceased and his rescued cousin were kidnappers.

However, reacting to the police explanation weekend in a statement issued by Mr. Sunny Okoro, Chairman NBA, Nsukka Branch, the group insisted that Ugwu was

deliberately and unjustifiably killed by state actors.

The association said it would continue to push until justice was duly served.

Okoro explained that the late Ugwu left Nsukka on the fateful day he was killed and had succeeded in securing the release of his cousin, Ugwu Alexander who was kidnapped alongside five other passengers at Ijeh Urban Area in Kogi State, only to be killed by police on his way back to Ayingba where his cousin resides.