

Police escort killed in attack on FMC Owerri MD's convoy



Gunmen have ambushed the convoy of Dr. Kingsley Achigbu, the Medical Director of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) in Owerri, killing his security escort and leaving three others critically injured.

The ambush occurred around 4 pm on Saturday on the Okigwe-Owerri Road, near Umuhu in **Ehime Mbano Local Government Area**.

It was learnt that the convoy, which included two police officers, Inspector Uwem Samuel, and Inspector Obinna Egege, was escorting the FMC Medical Director, his wife, and daughter back to Owerri when the attackers opened fire on their vehicle, a Toyota Hilux belonging to FMC Owerri.

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It was gathered that the Commissioner of Police in Imo, Aboki Danjuma, deployed tactical rescue teams, in collaboration with troops from the Military Forward Operating Base (FOB), Okigwe, to the scene.

The injured officers were evacuated to FMC, where one of the escorts was confirmed dead, while the others were reportedly receiving treatment.

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“There was no loss of arms or ammunition during the incident. The director’s wife and daughter were unhurt, though the civilian driver of the vehicle remains missing,” the source said.

When contacted, Achigbu said he would call back, but he had not done so by the time this report was filed.

The state Police spokesman, Henry Okoye, couldn’t be reached.

It was, however, gathered that security operatives had launched a manhunt for the attackers and were combing the surrounding areas to locate the missing driver.