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New Nigerian Sports



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How Bayelsa Utd captain was killed

Bayelsa United's 2008/09 Globacom Premier League title victory was cut short on Sunday when their captain, Abel Tabor, was shot dead by armed robbers that same night.

The Yenagoa side's Media Officer, Ebi Abi, confirmed in a telephone interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Monday that Tabor was on his way to Warri from Oghara, the club's training base when the incident occurred.

Abi said the skipper was with some friends in his car when they ran into a gang of armed robbers between Warri and Oghara.

The robbers shot the player while attempting to reverse, according to the club's spokesman.

He said the occupants begged the robbers to take the victim to hospital but they refused.

Bayelsa United were forced to a 2-2 draw by Warri Wolves in the last game of the league season on Sunday in Oleh, Isoko LG to clinch their first ever league title.

His remains have been deposited in a mortuary in Warri.

Alex Amodo, an official of Warri Wolves, described the Warri/Oghara road as dangerous.

Amodo said that he would not drive on the road beyond 7 pm as armed robbers operated freely, even during the day.

"I tell you my wife was robbed on that road," said the former player.

An ardent supporter of the club, Stanley Disi, said the captain's death had stopped them from savouring the title they won in a photo finish.

Tabo hails from Odi in Kolokuma/Pokuma LG of Bayelsa.

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