

In an interview, the chairman of the tribunal, Justice Andetur said the tribunal could not accept such documents because it was obtained illegally.

According to him, the lawyer who attempted to present the documents knew that it was improper to do so because the document was not certified.

"No body can buy me or any member of the tribunal. The last time we spoke with the governor was when we were inaugurated," Justice Andetur declared.

Bombax tree kills 6 in Ushongo LGA

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TRAGEDY struck yesterday morning when a big Bombax tree (Bombax Costanum) fell down killing 6 persons and wounding 11 others at Ikyobo market square in Ushongo Local Government Area of Benue State.

Ikyobo is the hometown of first Civilian Governor of Benue State Late Aper Aku.

New Nigerian reports that yesterday being the market day at Ikyobo, a lot of people were busy buying and selling, while others were transacting their normal businesses at the market.

The tree believed to have been there for more than 60 years suddenly uprooted and fell down killing 6 persons and wounding 11 other who were at the market at that time. Confirming the tragedy in a telephone interview, Chief Atsaga Anemba, the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Tiv Traditional Matters, who also hails from Ikyobo and was on the spot during the incident regretted the ugly incident that had occurred in the area.

He said, as at the time of talking to me, a member of the Benue State House of Assembly representing Ushongo constituency, Mr. Nyakuma had gone to the Area with some Journalists to see things for themselves. Chief Anemba said the six dead bodies have been deposited at N.K.S.T Aku while the 11 other persons were receiving treatment at a hospital.

According to him the said tree had been there before they were born.

He however said he did not believe that the torrential rain might have been the cause of its falling but the old age of the tree.

The senior Special Assistant to the Governor said further that, the rains of yesterday had stopped and things went normally before the tragedy occurred.