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Two lawyers found dead in vehicle We suspect murder—Colleagues

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TWO members of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Warri branch, were found dead inside a vehicle on Twhursday morning at Ozoro, Delta State.

Saturday Tribune gathered that the senior and junior lawyers were on their way to court for a case when they were way-laid and shot dead.

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However, another account said the duo were on their way from a court session when they met their death.

As of the time of filing this report, it was gathered that the Warri chapter of the NBA was holding a meeting on the matter, so, the chairman could not be reached.

But some colleagues of the deceased lawyers said they suspected murder and not armed robbery as being insinuated in some quarters.

The name of the senior lawyer, who was in his 40s, was given as Mr Horis

Eguono Dafiaghor and his junior was identified as Mr Samuel O. Ekuwangju both of Whytfort Jurisconsult Chambers, No. 81, Udu Road, Ovwian, Delta State.

Saturday Tribune gathered that the assailants suspected to have killed the duo were dressed in police uniform.

But the Police Public Relations Officer of the Delta State Police Command, DSP Celestina Kalu, said it was too early to ascertain the cause of their death because they were found dead in a vehicle and that investigations were still on.

She said the bodies of the deceased had been deposited in a hospital in Warri and that autopsy would be carried on them to confirm the cause of their death, adding that members of the public should also come up with information to help the police.

Meanwhile, National coordinator of Forum for Justice and Human Rights Defence (FJHD), Oghenejabor Ikimi, described the development as a sad one, saying, "if it's is true that they were killed in connection with the case, why should lawyers be so killed while carrying out their constitutional duties?"

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It said that the president and executive members of Farmers' Association of Nigeria were also members.

It also added that community leaders of the affected areas in Benue, Plateau, Taraba and Zamfara, some of the states affected by the clashes, were members of the committee.

The statement said that the committee followed an interactive meeting between the inspector-general and the leadership of Miyetti Allah at the Force Headquarters on Thursday.

"The essence of the meeting was to find an alternative dispute resolution mechanism geared towards finding a lasting solution to the lingering crises.

"In addition to the ongoing crisis management measures and strategies being implemented by the force, there was the need to meet with stakeholders and parties to the conflict," it added.

The statement directed the committee to visit all the affected states and liaise with the police commands as well as the governors and other stakeholders, to resolve the crises.

The statement called on the leadership of Miyetti Allah and other relevant stakeholders to cooperate with the police in resolving the issues.