



From Left, president-elect, Muhammadu Buhari; Senate President, David Mark and Senator Abu Ibrahim, during a congratulatory visit to the president-elect, in Abuja, on Thursday. PHOTO: BAYOOR EWUOSO.

## Woman dies in kidnappers' custody, another escapes in Warri

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A member of staff of the Delta Printing and Publishing Company Limited (DPPCL), publishers of *The Pointer* titles, Mrs Patricia Amitaye, on Wednesday died while being abducted by unknown kidnappers.

Amitaye, mother-of-three, was a member of staff in the Commercial

Department of Warri Bureau of *The Pointer* newspapers.

According to a family member, Amitaye was kidnapped on her way to Warri, along Eku road in Ethiopia East Local Government Area in a Hilux van.

Five gunmen were reported to have attacked them, demanding for money on the spot. Unable to meet their request, Amitaye was

allegedly dragged out of the Hilux van into the bush, leaving her driver behind.

The family member stated further that, after the hoodlums left, the driver raised an alarm and made contacts with the woman's husband and other family members.

*Nigerian Tribune* further gathered that her lifeless body was later found in the bush.

"Patricia has been sick, but she was getting better before this unfortunate incident. I am sure that her blood pressure rose from the shock and the manner in which she was dragged into the bush by the kidnappers. Her lifeless body was recovered after being abandoned by the kidnappers in the bush. She died in pains," the family lamented.

When *Nigerian Tribune* visited the home of the deceased on Friday,

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