

SUG blows hot as DELSU student shot dead, two others kidnapped

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A student of Delta State University (DELSU), Abraka, identified as Odje Stephen, of the Department of Medical Biochemistry, has been reportedly shot dead by gunmen.

The incident was said to have happened on Sunday around 9:00 p.m. when the late Stephen was on his way back to school to resume the 2020/2021 academic session.

According to sources, apart from Odje who lost his life during the attack that took place at Oria, a community of less than 15 minutes drive to the university commu-

nity, Mr. Divine Omajuwa of Geology Department and Miss Hamza Hussien Jennifer of Pharmacology Department of the university who were also returning to school, were whisked away by gunmen.

Reason Odje was shot dead on the spot was unknown as of the time of filing this report.

Reacting to the incident, the university management condemned in its entirety the gruesome murder of the young Nigerian and the kidnap of Divine and Jennifer.

A statement signed by the Dean, Students' Affairs, Professor Chukwujindu Iwegbue, called on rel-

evant security agencies and the general public to step up actions to ensure the immediate release and safe rescue of the kidnapped students, adding that the perpetrators of the heinous crime against innocent students of the university must be brought to book.

Also reacting, Student Union Government (SUG) of the institution headed by Comrade Mukolo Ogelenya Solomon, described the incident as 'horrifying and unacceptable' that students and the entire university community have become targets of attack, murder and kidnap by hoodlums parading

the state.

Solomon, warned that the incident might lead to a breakdown of law and order within and around Abraka and its environs and the entire state in general if urgent steps were not taken to effect the immediate and unconditional release of the kidnapped victims.

The statement read: "It is also painful to the entire student body that when such incidents occur, law enforcement agencies within and around the state have not done enough to bring the perpetrators to book."

The students' union therefore is-

sued a 24-hour ultimatum to law enforcement agencies in the state to swing into action to effect the unconditional release of the kidnapped students.

Also, the student leader, on behalf of his government, expressed condolence to the family of the slain student.

When contacted on phone, the acting Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, DSP Bright Edafe couldn't confirm the incident but requested to be given some minutes to get in touch with the Divisional Police Officer of the area and get back but was yet to get back as of the time of filing this report.