

# Otti condoles with Nigerian Army as hoodlums kill soldier in Aba

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GOVERNOR of Abia State, Alex Otti, sent his condolence to the Nigerian Army in the state over the killing of a soldier on Friday night in Aba.

According to a statement issued by the ~~Chief Press Secretary~~ to the governor, ~~Kazie Uko~~, Otti "has been made aware of an incident that occurred at the Milverton area of Aba, on Friday evening, involving men of the Nigerian Army and some criminal elements.

"The incident, according to the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Homeland Security, Mr. Chukwunye Alajemba, left a soldier dead and another wounded and currently receiving treatment at a hospital.

"The governor wishes to commiserate with the Nigerian Army over this unfortunate occurrence and commends the officers and men of the force for exercising restraint in the face of this unprovoked attack."

The governor specifically thanked the Commander,

14 Brigade, Ohafia, Brigadier-General O.O. Diya, for his prompt intervention and ensuring that peace continues to prevail in the city of Aba, just as he called on the general public to remain calm and go about their lawful businesses without fear, "and to cooperate with relevant security agencies by providing them with useful information as they work to fish out the perpetrators of this heinous attack."

It will be recalled that soldiers, on Saturday, took to streets in Aba metropolis to vent their anger over the killing of their colleague by yet-to-be-identified assailants.

Information has it that the soldier was killed and his colleague wounded late Friday evening while seeking pleasure outside their barracks.

The incident, it was said, happened around Milverton Avenue leading to Aba main park.

As a result of the killing, there was pandemonium in the area as shops closed for fear of retaliation by the deceased's colleagues.