

Gunmen in military uniform kill Kogi's 28-year-old pregnant woman

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A 28-year-old pregnant woman, Mary Pelemo, has been shot dead by suspected military officers in Magongo, in the Ogori/Magongo Local Government Area of Kogi State.

The deceased's elder brother, Mr Idowu Pelemo, told journalists on Thursday that the incident occurred on Wednesday around 9pm, adding that the men stormed the community in three Hilus vans.

Idowu explained that while one of the vans had the number plate, Lokoja 446 KG, another was painted in army colour and tagged, 014.

He claimed that the officers chased a commercial driver from the Ibilo area to Magongo.

He said immediately the driver got to Magongo, he alighted from the vehicle and escaped.

According to him, the enraged military men opened fire, as people fled for their lives.

He said his sister, who was standing in front of her house, was hit by a stray bullet.

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Idowu noted that the officers rushed her to a hospital and later fled, adding that his pregnant sister died the same night.

“Those men normally station their vans along Agege. A soldier told me that they wanted to arrest the bus driver because he and his colleagues misbehaved to some of their officers in Okene,” he added.

The Public Relations Officer of the Nigerian Army, Records, Lokoja, Major Jafaru Muhammed said, “The Army was not involved in any operations please.”