

# Family of slain Imo lecturer blames air force, seeks justice

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The family of a lecturer at the Federal Polytechnic, Nekede, Owerri, Imo State, Steve Nduka, has called for justice for their son whom they said was killed by Air Force officers attached to 211 Base in Owerri.

Nduka, a lecturer at the Department of Computer Science, and a fresh graduate of the department, Chimaobi Nwokoro, were killed in front of the Air Force base located on the Owerri-Aba Expressway before the polytechnic junction on January 25.

The lecturer and three others were riding in a Lexus ES 330 car when they were shot.

They were said to be returning from a church service when the incident happened.

While the lecturer, a native of Delta State who graduated from the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, and Nwokoro died on the spot, another victim went into a coma and was rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Owerri, where he was stabilised.

A fourth occupant of the car, who was not hit by any bullet, was rescued unhurt.

A family member of the slain lecturer, Rufus Adeshi, said the death was a big blow to the family.

Adeshi said, “Steve grew up with me here in Owerri; his mother is my elder sister. He was killed by Air Force personnel in front of their base in Owerri. They can’t deny it. After killing him, they called the police to remove his corpse.

“They carried my nephew’s corpse from the front seat to the back sit to make it look like an assassination. If they say they were not the ones that killed him, they should produce the person who killed him.

“The incident happened in front of their base and people saw them. They can’t deny it and as a family, we are calling for justice. We are demanding justice because Nigeria has laws. The law should be applied in this circumstance.”

A spokesperson for the police in the state, Orlando Ikeokwu, said two incidents happened around the scene of the incident on the same day and time.

He, however, said the command would carry out a forensic investigation to find the bullets that killed the lecturer and the graduate, who was said to be awaiting his call up letter for the National Youth Service Corps.

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