

NBA carpets police, demands probe as cop kills Edo man

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THE Nigerian Bar Association, Benin, Edo State, has condemned the killing of a man, Moses Adamu, by an officer of the Anti-Kidnapping Unit of the Edo State Police Command.

The body, through its Police Duty Solicitors Scheme, in a press release signed by the Coordinator, Amechi Nwaozor, Programme Officer, Emmanuel Okorie; and member, Patrick Ofor, on Sunday, demanded the prosecution of the killer cop.

The statement read, "This incident occurred around 4.08pm on Friday when the late Moses Adamu just drove into Benin from Lagos to attend his sister's wedding.

"The said sister, whose wedding was slated for Saturday, September 18, 2021, is a law book vendor at the High Court, Benin City. The deceased, before his death, was with his friends in a vehicle driving from his tailor's shop to pick his clothes in preparation for his sister's wedding when a vehicle with a tinted glass overtook them while a man with a pistol (not dressed in police uniform) alighted from the vehicle.

"The late Moses and his friends, not sure of their identities, tried to escape, thinking they were kidnappers.

"In the process, the occupants of the tinted glass vehicle opened fire on them unprovoked. They shot at the back tire of the vehicle (up to five times) and shot at the passenger's front door, which bullets hit Mr Moses Adamu on his right thigh.

"Mr Moses Adamu's friends made efforts to take him to the Edo Specialist Hospital, Benin City, where he was received at the emergency ward around 4.55pm for treatment, but at that time, he had lost much blood.

"Some of his friends volunteered to donate some pints of blood to help out, but unfortunately around 8.44pm, Mr Moses became unconscious; after a while, he gave up the ghost."

The NBA said it investigated the incident and discovered that the policemen were attached to the anti-kidnapping unit of the police command, adding that the cops did not report the shooting incident to their superiors.

The group recalled that during a visit to the police station, Adamu's friends identified the cops that carried out the operation and reported the incident to their superiors, who visited the victim at the hospital before he passed on.

The NBA noted that the corpse was deposited the Stella Obasanjo Hospital morgue, Benin City, around 1.45am on Saturday, September 18, 2021.

The body urged the state police command, the Edo State Government, the National Human Rights Commission, and the National Assembly to ensure proper investigation of the case, adding that the soul of the victim was calling for justice.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Kontongs Bello, in a statement, said Adam was hit by a stray bullet while operatives were out to arrest a suspect, Ebuka Nwaechie, who was involved in the alleged murder of one Bright Orikose on December 24, 2020.

He said, "The command deeply regrets to inform the public that in the process of the arrest, a member of the police team fired a shot in a bid to restrain the fleeing suspect, which unfortunately hit one of the occupants of a moving vehicle identified as Moses Adam,



• Edo CP, Philip Ogbadu

and injured his thigh.

"The victim was rushed to the Edo Specialist Hospital, where he gave up the ghost. The member of the police team involved in the shooting has been identified and arrested. The erring officer will go through administrative trial that will determine his culpability."

Assembly speaker 1 church service, kidnaps

Gbenga Odogun, Lokoja

SOME gunmen on Sunday invaded the ECWA Church at Kabba, Kogi State, and abducted the pioneer Provost, College of Education Technical, Kabba, Dr J.O.T. Oshadumo, the resident pastor and a female worshiper while Sunday service was ongoing.

Kabba, the traditional headquarters of Okunland, is in the Kogi West Senatorial District of Kogi State.

An eyewitness said Oshadumo,

who worshiped regularly in the church after his retirement, was abducted while the service was in progress.

The pastor of the church, whose name could not be immediately ascertained, and another female worshiper were also whisked away by the hoodlums.

According to reports, a security guard with the College of Education Technical, Kabba, identified only as Reuben, who was also at the church service, was shot dead.

As of the time of filing this

NDLEA arrests pregnant woman in Canada, Australia

Friday Olorok, Abuja

ATTEMPTS by a female passenger, Obehi Isesele, and one Emmanuel Omebere to export illicit drugs to Europe through the Murtala Mohammed International Airport, Lagos, and the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja, have been thwarted by narcotic officers of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency.

The agency said the suspects were arrested before they boarded their flights.

The NDLEA Director of Media and Advocacy, Femi Babafemi, in a statement on Sunday, said, "While Isesele was nabbed on Saturday, September 11, 2021, during outward clearance of an Ethiopian airline flight at Gate B, Departure Hall, of the Lagos airport on her way to Milan, Italy, with 312 sachets of Tramadol, weighing 1.5 kilo-

grammes, concealed in crayfish and dried vegetables, Omebere was caught with 137.45 grams of the same drug concealed in foodstuffs at the Abuja airport on Thursday, September 2, during outward clearance of a Turkish airline flight to Istanbul, Turkey."

Meanwhile, efforts by traffickers to export varying sizes of consignments containing cocaine, heroin and other illicit drugs through courier firms were also reportedly foiled.

Babafemi said, "Some of these include 475g of heroin concealed in food items going to Canada; 202g of cocaine hidden in body cream containers going to Australia; 720g of Cannabis Sativa tucked in computer hard drives heading for the United Arab Emirates, and another 2.1kg of cannabis hidden in body cream bottles going to Oman, while 60g of