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He was terror personified. During the inglorious years of kidnapping in Abia State and even later, he pranced his community of Abiriba in Ohafia Local Government like a predator. He was uncanny; he was law unto himself. He was as callous and ruthless in his operations as he was deadly. He was said to have the capacity to wound, rape, maim, kidnap and kill, and he did all this – ironically to his own people. The impunity and military precision with which he committed these atrocities told a sordid and horrible story of the man **Ndukwo Nwojo Uguru a.k.a Caesar**.

His atrocities against his people knew no bounds. At a point, apart from being dreaded by his people, it became evident that the fear of Caesar was the beginning of wisdom in Abiriba. As at the last count, Caesar was rumoured to have killed over 30 persons in his community, including the octogenarian mother of the late business mogul, Ifegwu Dike Udensi (DUBIC), Chief (Mrs.) Oyediya Udensi Ifegwu. The old woman was killed, together with her 12-year-old granddaughter



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after allegedly collecting N5m ransom he demanded.

The story of the octogenarian and her granddaughter was pathetic. Caesar and his gang members had, on Sunday, March 22, 2009, kidnapped the 87-year-old Chief (Mrs.) Ifegwu and her granddaughter, Miss Joyce Asiegbu Okoh, 12, an SS11 student of Egwuena Girls Secondary School, Abiriba. He had demanded a ransom of N150m, but later scaled it down to N5m. This was paid to him without delay. However, instead of releasing them after receiving the money, Caesar killed the two and buried them in a forest. It took days of search to discover where he buried them.

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