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onvict, U. Osa-Uwagie has indicated his interest to contest the judgment.

In her remark, Coordinator, Edo State Child Protection Network, Jennifer Ero, who took up the matter, said the judgment was a victory for the child and urged other stakeholders to be committed to the fight against child abuse.

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He said: "Let me start this meeting by thanking God for you people accepting to come. Men of God are not less busy. You are by far busier than us because you tend to spirit and humans and most of the things that happen in society can change with the kind of efforts you put in that society, so I'm privileged to be in your presence".

Lagos State smoking bill

of how a balanced and effective law can be passed. The process, he said, was transparent and the public hearing and eventual drafting of the bill took all relevant views into consideration.

He reiterated earlier views from the company which said that "the bill itself was neither excessive nor discriminatory". He, however, said that he hoped that there will be adequate sensitization of all Lagosians espe-

Gunmen shoot businessman injure 4 others in Onitsha

From ALOYSIUS ATTAH, Onitsha

Three gunmen suspected to be kidnappers yesterday invaded Onitsha, killing a businessman at Bridge Head Tools and Allied Market and injured four others.

The victim identified as Chief Ignatius Nwaenyi, popularly known as Darlington, an importer of machine tools at Bridge Head Tools and Allied Market, hails from Ihia. He was earlier kidnapped last September and allegedly paid N12 million ransom to regain his freedom.

According to eyewitness account, the gunmen operating in Toyota Camry car had quietly driven into the office premises of the businessman at 26, Niger Street, Fegg. One of them approached him and requested that he should enter their vehicle, but he put up resistance, which led to the gang shooting him.

The man ran for safety and tried to scale the fence to the next compound but the gunmen rained more bullets on him, and he died on the spot, while stray bullets hit and injured four others. The gang immediately fled.

The incident threw the entire residents of Fegg and traders at the Bridge Head Market into panic.

When *Saturday Sun* visited the scene yesterday, there was blood trail within the compound where policemen from Fegg division and sympathisers rushed the victim to White Chapel Hospital, Fegg where the doctor confirmed his death.

While lamenting the gruesome murder of the member, traders at Bridge Head were seen in groups discussing the incident in hushed tones.

The Onitsha Area Commander, Nigeria Police ACP Benjamin Wor confirmed the incident and said police had spread its dragnet to apprehend the fleeing gunmen.

cially those who trade tobacco or who will enforce the laws. Messanvi stated that for laws to be effective it must be enforced in a just manner as this is the only way it can achieve its intent.

The Public Place Smoking Law which was passed by the Lagos State House of Assembly on Monday, January 20, 2014 has been sent to the Lagos State Governor, Babatunde Raji Fashola for assent.