

and 30 of Legislative (Powers and Privileges Act), sponsored by Emmanuel Oker-Jev.

Three days ago, Jibrin expressed lack of faith in the committee.

At a press briefing, the lawmaker alleged chairman of the committee, Ossai Nicholas Ossai and some other members

As of last week, we made the committee open to all media houses, rights organisation and others."

Ossai said Jibrin was duly served notice for yesterday's hearing on September 22 and the notice was duly acknowledged.

"We take it that it was duly served," he added.

Following Ossai's expla-

programmes.

"We invited Channels Television and African Independent Television (AIT) management because of the exhibits tendered. Channels is not on trial.

During last week's session, an honourable member submitted this Compact Disk (CD) and

## Anxiety grips Igbo community in Dutse over trader's murder

From Desmond Mgboh, Dutse

**ANXIETY** has gripped the Igbo community in Jigawa State following the murder one of their own, Mr. Sylvester Ozoemenam.

President General of the Igbo Community Association in the state, Chief Oliver Okechukwu alleged to *Daily Sun* that the deceased, who was a patent drug dealer in the village, was murdered last Thursday night after he was discharged of an unfounded allegation preferred against him by the villagers.

According to him, the deceased was accused of trading in illicit drugs but was released on bail after a search of his premises by the police produced no evidence to validate the allegation.

Angered by his freedom, some youths of the village allegedly mobilised

and attacked his residence in the night of September 21.

The attack caused the deceased to decide to relocate from the village.

Chief Okechukwu further narrated that when the youths got wind of his relocation plans, they allegedly waited for the night of his departure, ambushed him on the road out of the village and killed him.

Chief Okechukwu police have refused to arrest anybody in the village over the murder incident.

Police Public Relations Officer, Jigawa State, Superintendent Abdul Jinjiri confirmed the murder but affirmed that he was murdered by suspected robbers, and recalled that, "only a few days ago, there was a serious robbery attack in the same community."

He added the police were on the trail of the

robbers behind the murder and added that the area was now being massively patrolled by police men.

President of Igbo Delegate Assembly in the 19 Northern states and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Chief Chi Nwogu expressed dismay over the alleged refusal of the police to arrest or invite suspects for routine questioning as is required of any case of murder.

He appealed to the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Ibrahim Idris Kpotun to ensure that further harm or intimidation was not meted out to any Igbo man in Jigawa "on account of his tribe" even as he demanded for the arrest and prosecution of those behind the murder.

Nwogu appealed to Igbo residents in the state to remain calm "as the matter would be pursued to its logical conclusion."