

Nigercat staff kidnapped, security man killed

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GUNMEN yesterday abducted a staff of Nigercat Construction Company handling the Otuocha-Ibaji-Abuja federal road and killed the mobile policeman attached to him.

Daily Sun learnt that the incident occurred at Aribo, between Otuocha, Umueze Anam and Oromā Etiti Anam in Anambra West Local Government Area, Anambra State.

A witness said that the gunmen, numbering six, were masked. According to him, a man dressed like a herder, standing close to the construction workers, made telephone calls ceaselessly before the gunmen appeared from the bush and shot into the air. The policeman fired some shots and was killed before they took away the expatriate through the bush path.

The majority leader, Anambra State House of Assembly, Hon. Victor Okoye, who represents Anambra West at the House of Assembly, said that he was informed about the incident around 4pm on Monday.

"Immediately, I called the Anambra State Commissioner of Police, the office of the DSS and the heads of vigilance groups and informed them about it. They went into action and cordoned the area. For now, I have not heard of any arrest but I am confident that they are on top of their jobs. I was told that the kidnappers did not come in any car. So, it will be easier to apprehend them, especially when the vigilance groups know all the bush paths in the area," he said.

Okoye, therefore, called on the youths of Anambra West to accord the security operatives all assistance to ensure that the culprits were arrested "in order not to scuttle the construction of this important road."

He condemned the act and reminded them of the grave penalty for kidnappers enshrined in Anambra State law.

Okoye also called on the Inspector-General of Police