

Hoodlums Hack Enugu Couple to Death

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A couple, Mr. Marcel Ossai Aba and his wife Jacinta, were at the weekend gruesomely murdered in their sleep at Amaja in Enugu, Ezeke community of Igboeze North Local Government Area of Enugu State by unknown gunmen.

Aba was sleeping with his wife and three children when some unknown persons woke him up and slashed his head with a cutlass.

The assailants later went into

his wife's room and removed her one-year-old daughter who she was breastfeeding before severing her head.

The assailants left the scene of crime without removing any material or property.

Reacting to the resurgence of crimes especially banditry, robberies and kidnapping in the state, Governor Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi yesterday asked security operatives in the state to rise to the occasion by arresting the increasing spate of insecurity.

Speaking shortly after swearing in four new members of the State Security Council, Ugwuanyi charged the council to address without delay the resurgence of violent crimes in the state.

The new members of the council are Col. Osa Omoregbe, the Garrison Commander 82 Division Nigerian Army; Air Commodore Emmanuel Festus Goli, Commander 337 Base Services Group, Nigerian Airforce, Enugu; Mr. Abdul Malik, Director of Security, State

Security Services; and Mr. Lar Stephen Zwali, State Commander, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC).

The governor, who underscored the need to beef up security in the state, noted that recent media reports had shown that the incidence of violent crimes was on the rise in both the rural and urban areas of the state.

"However, hasten to say that as much as the state's rating in the area of security remains enviously and comparatively high, I am certain

that from recent media reports you would have observed that the incidence of such violent crimes like kidnapping, ritual killings, cultism and armed robbery have been on the increase in both the rural and urban areas of the state," he said.

Ugwuanyi informed the council that he summoned its meeting to discuss the undesirable development with a view to coming up with a plan of action and identifying the necessary measures that would help address

rising incidents of crime promptly, effectively and satisfactorily.

The governor assured the security agents of the state of his government's commitment to provide the necessary assistance and support that may be required in the discharge of their duties.

He commended the Nigerian Armed Forces for the success they have continued to record in their determined efforts to end the insurgency in the North-east and generally making Nigeria a safe place for all to live.

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