

# Gunmen abduct ex-NBA chair

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**R**ampaging gunmen have abducted the former Chairman of the Auchi branch of the Nigeria Bar Association (NBA), Mr. A. O. Itemuagbor on the Benin-Auchi Road, Edo State.

The incident occurred on Sunday at Ehor in Uhumwode Local Government Area.

Unfortunately, the wife of the victim was killed during a gun duel with the hoodlums.

The Chairman of the Benin branch of the NBA, Mr. Collins Ogiegbaen, confirmed the abduction yesterday.

He explained that Itemuagbor was waylaid by the hoodlums who shot at him as he was going to Benin.

Ogiegbaen, who spoke on the phone, said that it was unfortunate that the former Auchi NBA chairman was kidnapped by bandits and his wife murdered.

He said: "Itemuagbor was kidnapped at Ehor while his wife was killed. It is unfortunate. I hope the police will succeed in rescuing Itemuagbor unhurt and arrest the kidnappers. They should be brought to justice."

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Chidi Nwanbuzor, refused to pick his calls to confirm the abduction.