Another woman raped, murdered in Enugu by suspected herdsmen



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Ohanaeze calls for investigation

Less than 74 hours after 67-year-old Mrs. Pat Ugwu was raped and murdered in her farm by suspected herdsmen at Nchatancha Nike, Emene Enugu in Enugu East LGA, another woman has been raped and killed around St Benard Road, Nchatancha Nike, Enugu.

A resident of Emene area who gave the information to Sunday Telegraph, said the woman was a native of Akpugo and was attacked by suspected herdsmen on her way to Emene in the morning of Saturday.

The source, who could not give the name of the victim, said the development has sparked panic among residents of the area, even as security personnel had been alerted.

But in a quick reaction, the State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Ebere Amaraizu, who confirmed the death of a woman however, said the body of the deceased was found floating in a river.

Amaraizu said the locals alerted the police who rushed to the area to take charge of the situation.

He said there was no mark on the body of the woman to suggest rape.

The PPRO, however, said police were still investing the matter with a view to ascertaining what happened.

"There was no mark on the body of the woman to suggest rape or violence, and the incident happened around Nkwubor Emene, not Nchatancha," he said.

Meanwhile President General of Ohanaeze Ndigbo Worldwide, Chief Nnia Nwodo, has called for thorough investigation into the killing of Mrs. Ugwu.

In a release by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Chief Emeka Attamah, the President General said that though the Executive of Ohanaeze Ndigbo in Enugu State had visited the home of the victim, it was still necessary for him to add his voice to the condemnation of the dastardly and inhuman act.

Chief Nwodo decried the growing tendency of some detractors of the state government who are out to destabilise the peace and tranquility in Enugu State that earned it the sobriquet of the most peaceful state in the country.

The President General enjoined the state government not to be distracted by enemies of progress, but to continue to carry out measures it has put in place to secure lives and property in the state.

He called on security agencies to unravel the conspiracy and tendency of hoodlums who are making the state insecure through incessant kidnappings and killings which hitherto were absent.

Chief Nwodo commiserated with the family of the deceased and urged them to bear the loss with fortitude.

Chief Nwodo called for general vigilance and precautions among the people to nip these acts in the bud.

Meanwhile Enugu State Government has directed the Management of ESUT Teaching Hospital Parklane, Enugu, to immediately carry out an autopsy on the deceased.

In a statement the Secretary to the State Government, Prof. Simon Uchenna Ortuanya, the medical exercise is to assist the security agencies in their ongoing investigations.