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Six-year-old girl dies after bandits attack parents' car



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A

six-year-old girl, Uchechukwu Onyibor, has died following injuries sustained three days after suspected Fulani herdsmen attacked her and her parents at Eke in Udi Local Government Area, of Enugu State.

Eke is the hometown of Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr. Geoffrey Onyeama, and Director General of Voice of Nigeria (VON), Mr. Osita Okechukwu, who buried his wife last Saturday.

Uchechukwu died Tuesday night from gunshot wounds she sustained during the attack. She was attacked alongside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Onyibor.

Her mother, who also sustained a head injury, was said to be on danger list, while the condition of her father, a banker with a new generation bank, could not be ascertained.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ebere Amaraizu, confirmed the report.

He said: "I have just received the report that the girl is dead. It is unfortunate. But I can assure you that the perpetrators of this heinous crime will soon be arrested."

Uchechukwu and her parents were on their way to their Oma Eke country home when the suspected herdsmen rushed out of the bush and attacked them.

A community source had earlier told journalists that the banker was driving his car to his country home when the gunmen attacked him.

The source said: "On sighting the gunmen, he was said to have attempted to escape, but the gunmen shot him in the process, but we thank God he survived as people from the neighbourhood immediately rushed him and other family members to undisclosed hospital for treatment."



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The source disclosed that several other victims had been attacked on the same location the gunmen attacked the banker. The PPRO also confirmed the incidents describing the attacks as unfortunate.

Amarazu, however, said the identity of the gunmen was not yet known as to warrant attributing the incident to Fulani herdsmen.

He added: "We don't know the identity of the gunmen yet.

"We have commenced investigation. We are investigating to know what happened. We are going to bring the perpetrators to book."

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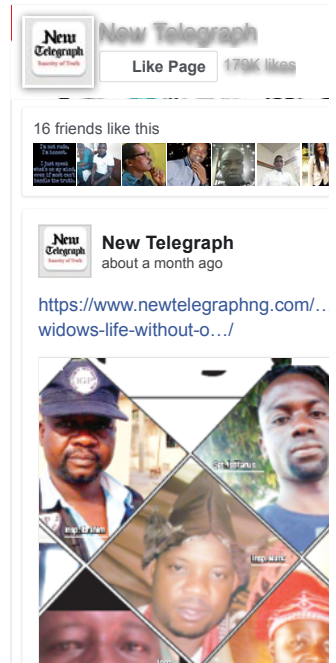
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