

Gunmen kill ex-Delta commissioner, dump body in river

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A six-man dare devil kidnappers that abducted ex-Commissioner for Technical Education in Delta State, Evang. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpor, a.k.a Ada Anio-ma, killed her and dumped her body at the River Niger bank in Onitsha, Anambra State.

The victim was the wife of Mr. Peter Mrakpor, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), who was the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice when Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa was the Governor.

She was 58 years and was allegedly found dead and naked with severe injuries when she was found around 7.30p.m on Thursday, three days after the gunmen ferried her in a speed boat through the bank of the River Niger at Otu-Ogwu road in Asaba in a car which they set on fire to write-off any traces.

She was found with

heavy bruises, which suggested that her assailants flogged and tortured her before throwing her lifeless body abroad.

Prior to her murder, she represented Aniocha/Oshimili Federal constituency in the House of Representa-

tives. She was a lawmaker for Aniocha South at the state's House of Assembly between 2007 and 2015.

The female politician was kidnapped in her Church, located at the Delta Broadcasting Service (DBS) road in Asaba, at about 4.30

pm three-day ago.

The captors did not ask for ransom, neither did they communicate with any of her kinsmen.

Her two police orderlies were shot dead on the spot by the abductors.

Building collapse: NSE proposes establishment of building control regulation

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Worried by the incessant building collapse and the consequential loss of lives and property, the Umuahia branch of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, NSE, has renewed the call for the reactivation of the moribund engineering centre and the establishment of a building control regulation in Abia State.

Addressing the 2024 Engineering week, "Quackery in Engineering Practice: A Threat to Public Safety

and how to Prevent it," the NSE branch chairman, Engr. Romanus Enyinnaya, pointed out that the engineering centre remained crucial to the development and regulation of the engineering practice in the state, explaining that a development control regulation was essential for ensuring that engineering structures and developments adhere to stipulated standards.

Engr. Enyinnaya disclosed that NSE Umuahia branch had been actively involved in community outreach programmes, mentorship initiatives, ca-

capacity building workshops as well as instrumental in promoting public awareness of the importance of engineering in national development.

He described the theme of the event as a poignant reminder of the critical role engineers play in safeguarding lives and property, and reminded the engineers of their solemn duty to uphold the highest standards of ethics and professionalism, to ensure that their work contribute to the overall wellbeing of the society.