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Another Policeman Killed, LG Chair Kidnapped in A'lbom

From Okon Bassey in Uyo, 08.20.2010

Another policeman was reportedly murdered yesterday by kidnappers and another critically wounded while the Local Government Chairman of Onna, Deaconess Owoidghe Ime Ekpoattai was abducted, barely 48 hours after a police officer was killed.

The local government chairman was abducted by the kidnappers at Ikot Okubum village in Okon clan, Eket local government area of the state at about 5.45pm.

The policemen were killed at a check-point in the locality and close to the uncompleted security village being built by the state government for top council officials in the local government area.

Sources told THISDAY that the council boss was returning from a stakeholders' meeting held at the Onna council headquarters, Abat.

According to sources, the kidnappers must have trailed Deaconess Ekpoattai after the stakeholders' meeting to Ikot Okubum village where they accosted her on the way to Uyo, the state capital.

On getting to the police check point, the kidnappers opened fire on the unsuspecting policemen and killed one on the spot, while the second policeman is left in a state of coma.

In the hot exchange of fire, the kidnappers escaped with the council chairman, leaving two policemen as casualties. A member representing Onna State constituency in the state House of Assembly, Hon. Bassey Willie confirmed the incident, saying he was together with the abducted council boss at the stakeholders' meeting.

Police authorities in the state could not be reached for reaction. The Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Eket, U. K. Bello refused to comment on the development when contacted on phone.

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