

Suspected Robbers Kill Wife of Kwara Gov's CSO

Kwara State Government House, Ilorin, over the weekend, turned into mourning, following the killing of the wife of the Chief Security Officer (CSO) to Governor Abdulfatah Ahmed, Mrs. Aishat Idris Mohammed, by suspected armed robbers.

This came on the heels of reports that wife and four children of former Clerk of Delta State House of Assembly, Mr. Raymond Yavbieri, were yesterday abducted in Asaba, by unknown gunmen, who were suspected to be kidnappers.

However, THISDAY checks revealed that late Mohammed met her untimely death, at a village close to Ogbomosho, Oyo State, on her way to Ilorin.

It was learnt that she was coming from Lagos around 11 p.m on Thursday night and was driven in her husband's car by a driver before they ran into the ambush of the suspected robbers on the road.

THISDAY further gathered that the driver managed to escape the scene of the attack, but was however, oblivious of the fact that Mohammed, who was asleep; had

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already been hit by the bullets, since the robbers had fired several gunshots on the vehicle from both sides of the roads.

When the vehicle arrived a safe place, Mohammed was found to be bleeding heavily in the head,

and she was quickly taken to a specialist hospital for urgent medical attention.

Mohammed, who later died in the early hours of Friday, at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, was later buried in the afternoon, according to Muslims rite.

Governor Abdulfatah Ahmed alongside his wife, politicians, businessmen, friends and associates, all commiserated with the

CSO at his residence in Ilorin.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Yavbieri and four of her children, who were abducted at about 9a.m. on their way to church, said the whole scenario came to them as a surprise.

Eyewitness account said they were abducted by three men riding on a motorcycle, after they accosted the Toyota Camry car, which they were riding along Jesus Save road, few kilometers away from the Presidential Lodge, within Asaba metropolises.

Jonathan Advises Varsities on Research

President Goodluck Jonathan at the weekend said Nigeria's education administrators need to urgently address the importance of research, which is one reason that the nation's universities perform poorly in international ratings.

The president stated this in Akure, in his speech at the 23rd Convocation Ceremony of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), where 2,870 students graduated in five categories.

Jonathan, who was represented by the Executive Secretary of the

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National University Commission (NUC), Prof. Julius Okojie, said no nation can progress in the absence of adequate and high quality manpower adding that the nation also need meaningful and impactful research in all areas of human life.

"We must upgrade our curricula to ensure the provision of quality education. Learning at tertiary levels should produce graduates that are self reliant. We must equip

our students with knowledge that will make them active contributors to national development".

"We also expect to see research activities as well as research products that will improve our lives. Nigerians want total break from the grapple of diseases, poverty and hunger. Our farmers want improved seedlings and need improved storage technology for their yields. Our artisans want simple tools and implements to aid their work. All these and many more are issues that require solution-based research," he said.

He noted that one of the achievements of the FUTA research activities was the recent