

Hoodlums kill ex-Perm Sec's daughter

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OWERRI — ARMED hoodlums have continued to ravage Imo State with impunity despite spirited efforts of the Rochas Okorochoa administration to combat the scourge of kidnapping, armed robbery and other serious crimes.

Mrs. Nneka Chibememe-Agwu, the 27-year-old daughter of retired Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information and Strategy, Nze Chibememe Uzoukwu, is the latest victim of the armed gangsters.

An eye witness account said Nze Chibememe was driving to his Umuoduwa, Ejemekwuru, Oguta local council area country home when the criminals struck.

Vanguard learnt that about a few metres to his

home, a bus overtook his car and two armed men wearing police vests alighted from it and ordered the hapless man out of his Toyota Camry car.

"Suddenly, the bus with two other occupants drove off, while the other men descended on Nze Chibememe and beat their victim to stupor," a villager recounted.

Doctors in Owerri protest abduction of members

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OWERRI—IRKED by the continued abduction and periodic murder of their members in Imo State, the leadership of Nigerian Medical Association, NMA, Imo State branch, yester-

It was further gathered that the noise generated by the melee at the gate of family house attracted the man's daughter and on seeing his father lying flat on the ground, she quickly raised alarm.

The village said: "Nneka shouted for help as she saw the men trying to squeeze her father into the booth of the Camry. Irked by her shouts, the hoodlums pumped sever-

al bullets into her. She died on the spot."

The criminals abandoned the Camry car in a village at Ogbaku when they realized that their victim had escaped from the booth.

Vanguard recalls that the retired Permanent Secretary's wife, a school headmistress, was kidnapped earlier and only released three days after the abduction.

day called out its members on a peaceful demonstration.

The doctors carried several placards depicting their plight, including the abduction and eventual death of Dr. Moses Amako and called on the state government to act fast or risk losing grip of the

medical sub-sector.

Addressing journalists, NMA Chairman, Dr. Barth Okorochokwu, said: "The insecurity in the land has reached an alarming stage that healthcare delivery is threatened."

Okorochokwu reasoned that when those who provide care do not