

Commissioner for Commerce and Industry weekend at the Presidential Hotel Port Harcourt, Rivers State. Photo: Nwankpa Chijioke

Ministry of Water Resources, during the inauguration of the board of UNESCO Category II Regional Centre for Integrated River Basin Management in Abuja.

One killed as Ekhomu, security expert, family are rescued from Edo kidnappers

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EBEGBULEM

MEN of the Joint Task Force (JTF), in the Niger Delta, yesterday, rescued one Mrs. Ekhomu and her children from suspected kidnappers along Benin Sapele Road, in Edo State while the husband, Dr. Onah Ekhomu, a private security expert, escaped through

the bush after engaging the suspected kidnappers in physical combat.

However, the kidnapping bid became bloody when the suspected kidnappers killed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Thomas White Plc, Mr. Emmanuel Obiyan. Sunday Vanguard learnt that the incident occurred between Ehor and Iruekpen, along Benin-Auchi Road.

The victims were on their way to Uromi for the Esan Professionals Conference.

The incident happened few hours before Governor Adams Oshiomhole signed into law the state Kidnapping Prohibition Law as amended, which prescribes death penalty for kidnappers.

Sunday Vanguard learnt that the gunmen, who reportedly wore police uniforms, stopped the victims and informed them that they were under arrest. The suspected kidnappers were said to have ordered Mrs Ekhomu and her

children to a vehicle while Obiyan and Ekhomu were pushed to another vehicle.

It was gathered that Ekhomu, on realizing that they had been abducted, engaged in physical combat the gun men who shot him in the hand before he escaped into the bush. Obiyan said was said to have been shot severally by the gun men before abandoning his body which has since deposited at Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital, where Ekhomu

was also rushed to for treatment. Meanwhile, Ekhomu's wife

and her children were said to have been rescued near Sapele by the JTF.

Lagos council boss battle police Area Commander

BY IFEANYI OKOLIE

The face-off between the Chairman of Amuwo Odofin Local Government Area of Lagos State, Comrade Adewale Ayodele, and the Area Commander, Area 'E'

Ayodele stated that the Area Commander had been flouting the directives of the Lagos State Government as regards traffic law. His words, "Dan Okoro should explain to us why we still find containers here and there in Festac Town. He should explain why we still have

Edo LG bye-election: Edebiri begs Oshiomhole to intervene