

We're not done yet, gunmen yell after killing Imo judge sitting in court

By Chinonso Alozie

Apprehension reigned high yesterday in Imo State following the killing of a Chief Judge of Customary Court of Ejemekwuru in Oguta Local Government Area. His Lordship Nnaemeka Ugboma on Thursday while in a court session, by unidentified gunmen.

Eyewitnesses from the Ejemekwuru community confirmed the incident to newsmen in Owerri.

At the time of filing this report, there was no reason given by the hoodlums for killing the judge, but an eyewitness said the gunmen after dragging out the judge and shooting him, said their mission was yet to be completed and that they were heading to another location to conclude their assignment.

After killing the judge, they drove off on their motorcycles shouting and spraying bullets within and outside the court premises.

Also confirming the incident, a colleague of the murdered Judge, Emperor Iwualla, wrote alongside the photo of the victim, he said: "This is my learned brother His Worship Nnaemeka Ugboma Chairman (Judge) Customary Court Ejemekwuru Oguta LGA Imo State shot dead yesterday in court by yet-to-be identified persons. We are in-

deed in a perilous time."

The Owerri branch, chairman of the Nigeria Bar Association, NBA, Ugochukwu Al-

200,000 PVCs uncollected in Abia — INEC

By Steve Oko

THE Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, has said that over 200,000 Permanent Voter Cards, PVCs, are uncollected in Abia State.

INEC Resident Electoral Commissioner, REC in charge of Abia, Professor Ike Uzochukwu, who disclosed this at a press conference Fri-

linor, also confirmed the killing.

At the time of filing this report, the Police Public Rela-

tions Officer, PPRO, Henry Okoye, was yet to respond to the incident.

•To hold mock accreditation tomorrow

day in Umuahia, urged owners of the uncollected PVCs to rush to INEC office in the Local Government Area where they registered and pick the document before the Sunday February 5 deadline for PVC collection.

Professor Uzochukwu also disclosed that INEC would tomorrow, Saturday, test-run

its biometric machines through mock accreditation in the state. The mock accreditation, according to him, will hold in six LGAs of the three senatorial zones.

He said that two polling units had been selected in each of the wards in the affected the LGAs for the exercise.

I'll be done with 80% of restructuring within six months — Atiku

By John Alechenu, Abuja

THE Presidential Candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party, Atiku Abubakar, has said he would be done with at least 80 percent of his restructuring agenda for Nigeria within the first six months of taking office.

Atiku said this at the grand finale of the Atiku-Okowa and Nigerians in Diaspora Working together to Fix Nigeria, held at the Yar'Adua Centre, Abuja, on Friday.

The PDP candidate spoke through the Deputy Director of Research and Strategy of the Peoples Democratic Party Presidential Campaign Council, Dr. Okwesilieze Nwodo.

He said, "Within six months of taking office, he would have done 80 percent of the restructuring this country needs this has been worked out and waiting to be sworn in on May 29 and will be rolled out.

"Atiku is convinced that in the first Republic when each region owned whatever God gave them the Federal Government cannot administer we have come to a point while we are depending on oil and gas Foreign companies that are working in Nigeria have not invested in our country in the last four years indeed they are disinvestmenting why because alternative energy is the order of the day."

He also stressed the importance of voting Atiku Abubakar whom he said has the experience and

political will to take decisions that would positively impact on ordinary Nigerians.

According to him, Atiku's plans for the education sector would revolutionize the sector because he already had a hands on experience of running secondary and tertiary education in his native Adamawa State.

Nwodo explained that Atiku has put in place a scholarship scheme whereby the first five leading students in his schools enjoy a scholarship thereby promoting healthy competition among students.

He stressed that because of his ability to negotiate and keep to agreements there has been industrial harmony in his schools as well as his business concerns at home and abroad.