

Edo kidnapping goes violent, nine dead

By Ozioruva Aliu

TRAGEDY struck late Saturday as eight personnel of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and an unidentified civilian were reportedly shot death by suspected kidnappers who were said to have gone away with a Chinese expatriate working at the BUA Cement site in Okpella, Etsako East local government area.

Meanwhile, the occupants of an 18 seater bus belonging to the state owned New Edo Line and a Toyota Corolla were on Friday night abducted by gunmen along the Benin - Akure road.

But the police said 16 of the abducted passengers have been rescued.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Moses Yamu said "Sixteen of the victims have been rescued so far, as search and rescue operations by the Command in collaboration with vigilantes and hunters continue. The incident happened Friday 5/9/2025 @ about 1630hrs"

On the incident in Okpella, he said he was yet to get the details of the incident.

Saturday Vanguard gathered that the incident in Okpella happened around 10 pm on Friday and that five expatriates were their targets but four were rescued while one was taken away.

A source said "The attackers laid ambush at the company's entrance. They opened fire sporadically, engaging NSCDC operatives in a gun duel. Despite the loss of personnel, NSCDC

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operatives successfully rescued four expatriates. The armed group escaped into the bush with one abducted expatriate. The injured officers were evacuated and are receiving medical care."

It was gathered that the Edo State Commandant of the NSCDC, Agun Gbenga, visited the crime scene and hospital where the injured are being treated. When contacted, the

Command's Public Relations Officer, Efosa Ogbebor confirmed the incident but said an official statement would be issued from the Corps' National headquarters in Abuja.

Delta SA's death: Autopsy report exonerates me from alleged killing of my wife — Love

By Gabriel Ewepu

HUSBAND of Mrs Shimite Love, the late Special Adviser to the Delta State Governor on Trade and Export, Dr David Love, yesterday, said autopsy reports have exonerated him from accusations of killing his wife.

On April 21, 2025, reports emerged that Shimite died under troubling circumstances, suggesting that she might have been poisoned.

Addressing newsmen in Abuja, Love lamented that he was wrongly accused of assaulting, poisoning and strangulating his wife, revealing that on April 18, 2025, the wife complained of chest and stomach pains that she experienced sometime in 2024.

According to him, because Shimite did not want to be on hospital admission, a pharmacist, from April 19, 2025, treated her at home and monitored her condition for two days, but unfortunately, in the early hours of April 21, 2025, her health deteriorated.

He stated that she woke up around 2 a.m. asking for water, "then later became restless and

started vomiting. With the help of security personnel and neighbours, we rushed her to the hospital, and around 4 am, the doctor told me my wife had passed on.

"When the pathologist did the test, he said it was a high rate of hypertension for over a decade plus and the rest. The entire extended family of my precious late wife should stop the calumny and defamation as well as their different methods

to hoodwink the public about the death of my precious wife, Shimite Love, as the autopsy and toxicology results has cleared all the wrong narratives and propaganda they put out. My wife was illegally buried without my consent or approval, despite the fact that that we ensured the copies of the autopsy results with toxicology results."

Suspected Abuja suicide: FCT Police Command begins investigation

FOLLOWING the receipt of a distress call reporting the suspected suicide of one IK Ojo, a 30 year old man through hanging in Abuja, the FCT Police Command has commenced investigation to unravel the incident.

Spokesman of FCT Command, SP Josephine Adeh while confirming the development said, "The Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Police Command on

5th August 2025 received a distress call reporting the suspected suicide of one Ik Ojo (male, 30) who was found hanging in his residence at Kagini, Dei-Dei area of the FCT. "Responding promptly, police operatives from Dei-Dei Division visited the scene and evacuated the victim to Kubwa General Hospital, where he was confirmed dead by a medical doctor. The body has since been deposited at the hospital mortuary for autopsy.

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