

# Nigerian journalist arrested over article - and he didn't even write it

CALABAR, NIGERIA: On 6 June 2013 at about 2100 local time, Emmanuel Unah, a reporter for the CrossRiver Watch, an online news platform, was arrested by operatives from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Headquarters, in Calabar, Cross River State, Nigeria.

The arrest was over a story entitled "Cross River Deputy Governor Commands Wife to Kneel down and Apologise to His Aide," published by the CrossRiver Watch on 31 May 2013. The story went viral online to the embarrassment of the Deputy Governor, Efiok Cobham, who ordered the arrest of the author. However, Unah was not the author of the story.

Unah was arrested from his home in the presence of his children who were reportedly visibly traumatised. Eye witnesses' reports said "fully armed operatives from Diamond Hill of the CID stormed Unah's residence in the dead of the night demanding that he follow them to their office."

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