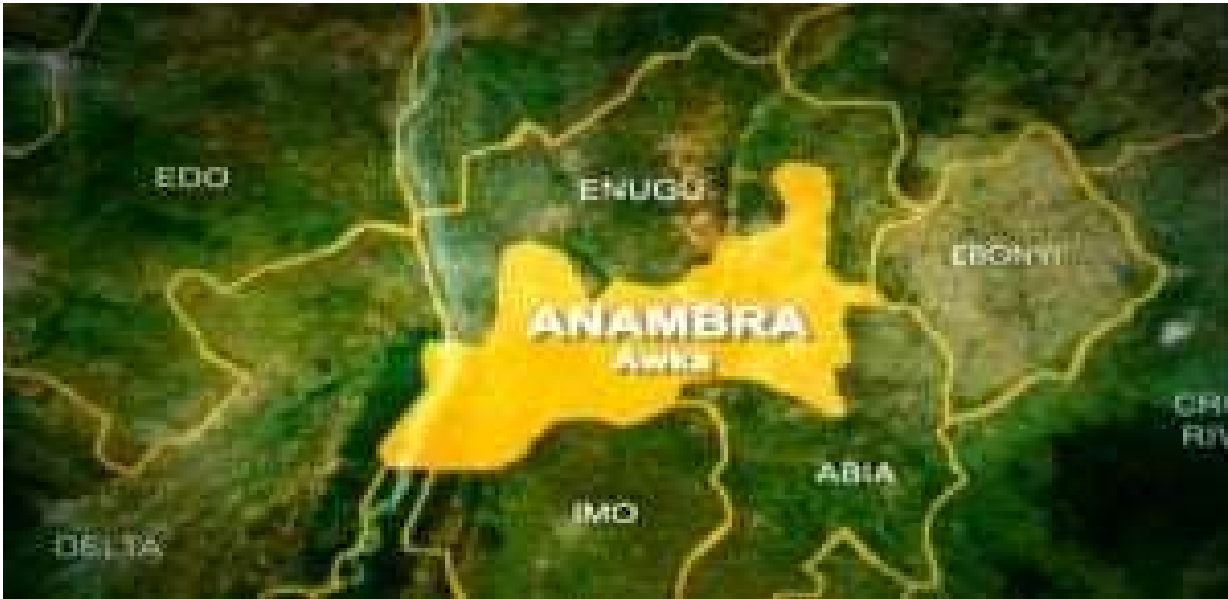


Police recover bodies of two abducted women in Anambra

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The Anambra State Police Command has confirmed the recovery of two female bodies believed to be among three Cameroonian women who were allegedly kidnapped in the state.

The bodies were discovered in the Omambala River, Anambra West Local Government Area of the state.

In a press statement released on Saturday, the spokesman for the command, SP Ikenga Tochukwu, stated that the discovery followed intensive search operations conducted on Friday evening by operatives from the Rapid Response Squad, Awkuzu, in collaboration with professional divers and local volunteers.

Ikenga added that both bodies have been deposited in a mortuary for further examination and necessary investigative procedures.

The statement read in part, “The Anambra State Police Command wishes to update the public on the ongoing investigation into the alleged kidnapping of three Cameroonian women in the state.

“Recall that police investigators had earlier arrested two suspects: Nonso Augustine Akpeh ‘M’, 37 years old, and Kingsley Akpeh ‘M’, 44 years old, who are currently assisting operatives with vital information.

“In continuation of these efforts, on the evening of 28th November 2025, police operatives attached to the Rapid Response Squad, Awkuzu, working in collaboration with professional river divers and local volunteers, conducted an intensive search along the Omambala River in Anambra West Local Government Area.

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“During the operation, the team recovered two (2) female decomposed bodies believed to be victims of the kidnapping incident. The operatives immediately contacted the family of the kidnapped victims, who positively identified the recovered bodies as his wife, Mrs. Bognou Alice and his niece Miss Sandra.

“Both bodies have been deposited in a mortuary for further examination and necessary investigative procedures.”

According to Ikenga, the Commissioner of Police, CP Ikioye Orutugu, while extending his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and friends, has ordered intensified search efforts to recover the remaining missing victim.

“The CP has also directed all units involved to strengthen operational activities aimed at apprehending the third suspect, Uchenna Nicholas Mmadu, who is currently on the run, to ensure he faces the full weight of the law.

“The Commissioner further reassures the public of the command’s unwavering commitment to protecting lives, maintaining security, and delivering justice,” the statement concluded.

Similarly, PUNCH Online in February reported that the lifeless body of the member representing Onitsha North 1 Constituency in the Anambra State House of Assembly, Justice Azuka, was found along the 2nd Niger Bridge.