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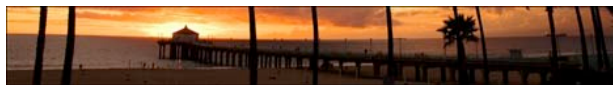
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**Nigeria: Kidnapping - CMD Dies After Paying Seven Million Ransom**

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15 December 2011

Orlu — The Chief Medical Director (CMD) of Specialist Hospital, Umuguma, (former General Hospital, Umuguma) in Owerri West LGA of Imo State, Dr. Moses Amako has died after being shot, kidnapped, and released with N7m ransom.

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His death was said to be sequel to the gunshot and inhuman treatment meted to him in the kidnappers den, after shattering his car with bullets.

Amako, a reputable surgeon the source disclosed was due for retirement in February, 2012 before his untimely death.

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According to an eye witness, he was kidnapped on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at about 7:00pm on his way to his residence with his wife.

The eye witness said that a white coloured jeep double crossed the Honda City car of the doctor with is wife and opened fire on the car. It further said the kidnap action was

not their initial intention adding that the type of fire opened on the car presupposed that they wanted to assassinate him.

It was however, garnered that they shot him at his left leg and that when they succeeded in finally halting the doctor's car, the wife was pushed down while her husband was carried away to an unknown place.

It was further unveiled that owing to the wound sustained by the doctor and the blood that gushed , that it might be that he was infected while in the kidnappers den.

As at the press time, family members and entire Ohi community, where he hailed from were in a mournful state. They also matched to the State Government House protesting against the killing of their son and brother and demanding for immediate justice.

They said that Dr. Amako was the only doctor in Owerri West LGA that could conduct surgery and treat patients without them paying through his nose and cried why he should die such a painful death.

When contacted on the matter, the current Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the Imo State Police Command, Owerri, Mr. Samuel Oodee said that he does not know much about the incident.

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