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Chief David Umahi

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ABAKALIKI- Governor David Umahi of Ebonyi State has ordered the arrest of the Traditional Ruler of Umuogodoakpu-Ngbo community in Ohaukwu Local Government Area and his counterpart in Ohankwu communities in Ikwo Local Government Areas of the state, over a

missing Naval officer and the killing of a 70-year-old woman, in both communities respectively.

Umahi also ordered the arrest of the Coordinators of Ohaukwu West, Barr. Stephen Igwe Ogenyi, and the Ikwo East Development Centres, Mr. Ekuma Emmanuel, in Ohaukwu and Ikwo LGAs of the state, respectively, sequel to the two incidents.

The Governor also ordered the suspension of Technical Assistants, Senior Technical Assistants, Executive Assistants, Liaison Officers, Management Committee Members, and other appointees from both communities.

He gave the orders during a statewide broadcast on Saturday, at the new Governor's office, centenary city, Abakaliki.



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A month ago, a Naval officer reportedly got missing at Eguorie village, Umuogodoakpu-Ngbo community, in the Ohaukwu LGA, of the state.

A 70-year-old woman from Amana community, in the Ezza South Local Government Area of the state, were allegedly killed by assailants working for Ohankwu people in Ikwo LGA. Both communities have been enmeshed in a conflict over a mining site in a boundary between them, which has led to killings and destruction of property.

According to Umahi, if by Tuesday (14th April 2020), the monarchs failed to provide information on the identities of perpetrators of the incidents that led to the missing of the Naval officer and killing of the woman, they would be dethroned.

“I have said it and I’m saying it now, I direct that the TAs, STAs, ECs and all other appointees from these communities be suspended.”



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“I also direct the arrest of the traditional rulers of both communities. They should be arrested and if by Tuesday, they don’t provide information on the identities of the perpetrators, they will be dethroned. This is very bad and, the time you commit crime in this state and you go unpunished, is over,” Umahi said.

He warned that gone are the days in Ebonyi state, when people committed crime and went scot-free.

Governor Umahi also terminated the partial lifting of ban on religious activities in the State, effective from today, Sunday, 12th April 2020.

The State Government had on Wednesday announced partial lifting of ban on religious activities, and burials in the State.

