

One of the Ekeremor victims was said to be related to the late National Security Adviser, Gen Owoye Azazi.

The other victim was, however, identified as an Urhobo

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Boy 'drowns' in Cross River

From Nicholas Kalu, Calabar

IT was a sad day in Abanwan, Biase Local Government Area of Cross River State yesterday.

A four-year-old boy, ThankGod, who went missing, about three weeks ago, was found floating in a river yesterday.

His father, Bernard Andoni, told *The Nation* yesterday that three weeks ago children in his compound complained to him that they had not seen his son, ThankGod.

He said initially he thought the boy was in a neighbour's house.

"We thought he was watching a movie somewhere. But we waited in vain; at midnight, his mother and I went to the town crier, who announced that if there is any child in any house sleeping he should be woken up and returned to his parents.

"The whole community knew someone was missing. "There was a church having its crusade, we went there and announced and they searched everywhere but couldn't find him.

"The next morning, all the men entered the bush and started to look for the boy. The women donated N300,000 for spiritual findings.

"The native doctor said people were holding the child and would return him if we bring N260,000. He said he would make them return the child.

"He told the community to expect the boy after seven days. We paid him and the community waited for seven days and the boy was not found. This was about two weeks ago.

"This evening as I was coming back from church I heard that they have found his body in the river."

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