

# NEWS

## Abducted bakery operator dies in Calabar

From Nicholas Kalu, Calabar

**T**HE owner of a popular bakery on the Chamley Road in Calabar, the Cross River State, who was abducted two weeks ago, Mr Kenneth Anya, has died, it was learnt yesterday.

Anya, an Igbo businessman, reportedly died on Monday at his home after he was released.

His abductors were said to have demanded N10 million ransom to release him.

The cause of his death could not be established last night, but it is believed to be connected with the trauma he went through in the hands of his abductors in the last few weeks.

Last week, the Igbo community in the state, complained about the rise in kidnappings, especially against its people.

Also, Igbo businessmen have threatened to close their businesses for two days.

President of the community in Calabar, Chief Albert Enya, yesterday condoled with the family of the late Anya.

He urged the residents to always work with security agencies whenever their loved ones were kidnapped.

Appealing to the government to urgently tackle kidnappings, Enya also urged the residents to be security-conscious.

The community leader advised the residents to be mindful of their environment because kidnappers always work with information.

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