

Soludo places N10m bounty on killers of Anambra lawmaker

ANAMBRA State governor, Professor Chukwuma Soludo, has condemned the killing and beheading of Mr Okechukwu Okoye, a member of the state's House of Assembly and Director of his campaign organisation, Mr Cyril Chiegboka, the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** has reported.

The heads (without trunks) of Okoye and Chiegboka were discovered around Chisco park junction in Amichi in Nnewi South Local Government Area on Saturday.

Okoye, representing Aguata 11 State Constituency and Chiegboka, were abducted on May 15 by yet-to-be identified persons.

Okoye hailed from Isuofia in Aguata Local Government Area, the same community as Soludo.

Soludo expressed sadness over the killings, just as he vowed to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to book.

He promised N10 million reward for any person or group who would give credible information that could lead to the arrest of the murderers.

In a statement, the Chief Press Secretary to the governor, Mr Christian Aburime,

said Governor Soludo received with shock and deep sadness the news of the murder of Okechukwu Okoye, member representing Aguata II Constituency in the State House of Assembly, and his aide, Cyril Chiegboka.

"Governor Soludo condoles with his kinsmen of Isuofia, noting that it is probably the same criminal gang that attacked him and killed three policemen at Isuofia two years ago that are once again on the prowl.

"But they can never cow down Isuofia community and Anambra State.

"Governor Soludo, still in shock over the barbaric acts against his two kinsmen, vowed that the perpetrators, as well as all criminals operating in Anambra, must be decisively brought to book.

"The governor has consequently placed a N10 million reward for anyone or group that will avail valuable information that will lead to the immediate arrest of the perpetrators of this dastardly act," he said.

Soludo said his administration would make Anambra uncomfortable for criminal elements in no distant time."