

70 bodies found in Abia community — Gov Otti

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The Abia State government has reported the discovery of over 50 decomposed bodies, more than 20 headless bodies, and numerous human skeletons in the vicinity of Lokpanta community in Umunneochi Local Government Area of the state.

The state governor, Dr. Alex Otti, disclosed this during his monthly media chat tagged 'Governor Alex Otti Speaks to Abians', held in Government House, Umuahia.

He, however, assured that his government is committed to tackling the issues of insecurity headlong without minding whose ox is gored.

Governor Otti said that prostitution, narcotics trade and other criminal vices around the Lokpanta Cattle Market necessitated the raid of the market as some brothels were recently brought down and there is now calmness in Umunneochi.

The governor insisted that the Lokpanta market would become a daily market that would open at 6am and close at 6pm, and would now become a general market as sections are allotted to the cattle dealers and other businesses too.

According to him, the Lok-

panta area is notorious for kidnapping and armed robbery, hence the decision of his administration to make the market a daily one.

He said though the policy was misunderstood, after a meeting with the leadership of the market, everyone agreed with the government's stand on making the market a daily one for the good of all.

He further noted, "We are single-minded about rooting out insecurity in Abia State, because we know that no government can succeed in the face of insecurity, violence, armed and kidnapping."

He added that his administration is poised to ensure Abians enjoy a great Christmas this year and maintained that, "This government will not get involved in supporting insecurity. Our devices will be installed in strategic places."

While responding to questions from newsmen, Governor Otti informed that his administration was deploying a different approach to secure the release of the incarcerated leader of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), Mazi Nnamdi Kanu. He added that such an approach is not for public consumption.