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## Agents kill Abia commissioner's shooters, rescue NURTW boss

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Alleged killers of the late Commissioner for Agriculture, Abia State, Dr. Ken Nwosu, were killed on Sunday during a shootout with security operatives.

PUNCH Metro had reported that Nwosu, who was shot three weeks ago while driving home, later died in the hospital as a result of wounds he sustained during the attack.

It was gathered on Sunday that the operatives who killed the hoodlums also rescued the abducted state Chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Workers, Chief Sunny Nwokodo, after five days of captivity in the kidnappers' den.

Nwokodo was kidnapped by a gang of gunmen on July 15, 2014 while driving to his country home at Ndume.

A competent source told PUNCH Metro that the NURTW boss was rescued by a combined team of Department of Security Services and soldiers around 1am on Sunday from a bush at Umariga village, Umudike in the Ikwuano Local Government Area.

The source said the victim was rescued unhurt, while three members of the kidnap gang were killed during a shootout.

According to the source, who gave the names of the dead culprits as Ogbuonye Ogbonna, Uchegbu Ugochukwu and Oleka Chibueze, other members of the gang who escaped are still being trailed by security agents.

He said one Ak47 rifle, two magazines and 27 rounds of live ammunition were recovered from them.

The source added that the leader of the gang, Ogbuagu Daniel, was the mastermind of some pockets of kidnappings and robbery operations around Umuahia and its environs in recent times, including the killing of a popular supermarket owner in Umuahia who died recently while in kidnappers' den.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Geoffrey Ogbonna, said the rescue operation took place in the early hours of Sunday morning.

He added that he had yet to get the details as the police were not part of the operation.

He said, "We, however, commended our sister security agencies on the operation.

"This is the evidence of synergy and collaboration among security agencies in the state."

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