

Kidnapped Imo monarch reveals killing of abducted king, body dumped in ditch

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THE traditional ruler of Ihitte Ihube autonomous community in the Okigwe Local Government Area of Imo State, Paul Ogbu, who was kidnapped on Sunday after his palace and vehicle were razed, has been found dead.

Also recovered was the body of a youth leader who was abducted alongside the monarch.

PUNCH Metro gathered the corpse of the traditional ruler was taken to his kingdom on Wednesday.

Community sources, who confided in our correspondent on Thursday, disclosed that

another traditional ruler, Acho Ndukwe, who was kidnapped with Ogbu, disclosed that the abductors killed him.

A source said, "Eze Acho Ndukwe revealed that the criminals killed Eze Paul Ogbu in his presence. Security operatives went back to the criminals' camp with some indigenes and the

corpse of the traditional ruler was found in a ditch. He will be buried today (Thursday)."

Ogbu and Ndukwe were kidnapped on Sunday, while their vehicles and palaces were burnt.

Ndukwe was rescued on Monday after security operatives raided the kidnappers' dens in the Orsu Local Government Area and Uli, in Ihiala LGA of Anambra State.