

# Abducted couple killed despite N7.5m payment buried



• The victims

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A couple who were killed by their abductors despite the payment of ransom have been buried.

The man, Mr Emmanuel Chukwuemeka, 36, and his wife, Mrs Chinwendu Chukwuemeka, 30, were kidnapped and murdered by yet-to-be-identified assailants.

They were buried in their hometown at Isiekwulu, Ukpo, in the Dunukofia Local Government Area of Anambra State on Thursday.

Their burial threw the entire community into mourning.

Both husband and wife were said to be returning to their house after attending a programme at the Holy Ghost Adoration, Uke, in the Idemili North LGA, when they were kidnapped.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the couple were with their four-month-old baby, whom the kidnappers abandoned in the car, as they whisked them away.

A source said family members initially paid the kidnappers the sum of N5m, but the hoodlums demanded an additional N2.5m, which took the family time to raise, as they sold part of their land to generate the money.

The kidnappers, after collecting the complete ransom, reportedly switched off their phones.

About two months later, the community saw the corpses of the couple along the Uke-Nnobi Road.

The bodies were said to be in chains.