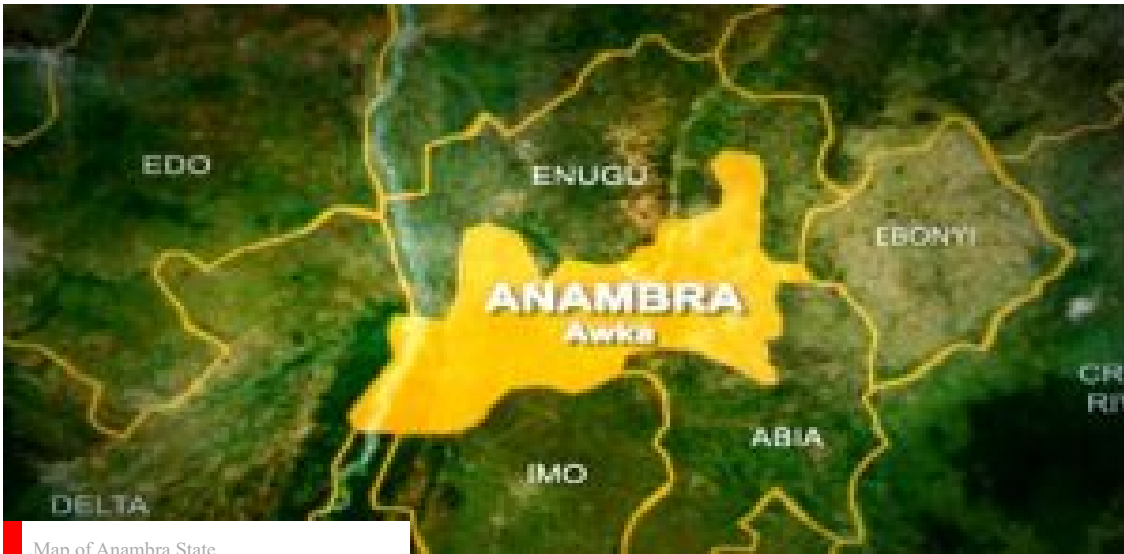


10 arrested over murder of Anambra kidnapped victim

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The Anambra State Police Command says it arrested no fewer than 10 suspects in connection with the recovered lifeless body of a kidnapped victim in the Nimo area of the state.

The command's Public Relations Officer, Tochukwu Ikenga, in a statement on Sunday, disclosed that the lifeless body was recovered near a piggery farm in the area.

According to Ikenga, the 10 suspects were arrested by operatives of the Rapid Response Squad attached to Awkuzu following an investigation into the incident.

“Police operatives attached to the Rapid Response Squad Awkuzu on Saturday, June 28, 2025, arrested 10 suspects over an ongoing investigation of the recovered lifeless body of an alleged kidnapped victim near a piggery farm at Nimo on June 23, 2025.

“While the suspects are still undergoing interrogation over the incident, the operatives are ready to proceed to the next line of action after processing the information as directed by CP Ikioye Orutugu.

“Further development would be communicated,” Ikenga stated.

In a similar development, Ikenga added that the police operatives attached to the Uli Divisional Headquarters had arrested a 24-year-old man, Muanaenye Victor, for allegedly planning the kidnapping of his friend and collecting a ransom running into millions.

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The suspect was arrested on June 26 following intelligence linked to a reported abduction case.

According to Ikenga, the suspect allegedly lured his friend under the pretext of going to visit someone, only for the victim to be abducted by members of his gang.

A ransom in the dollar equivalent of N5.3m was reportedly paid before the victim was released.

“The suspect, during interrogation, confessed to having planned the kidnapping plot by luring his friend to escort him to see another friend.

“Victor and his criminal gang allegedly abducted their friend and, to avoid suspicion, pretended to have been kidnapped by their criminal gang.

“Meanwhile, he is now cooperating with the police, providing information to help apprehend his accomplices, and will face prosecution after the investigation,” the statement reads.

The suspect will be charged in court upon the conclusion of the investigation.