



## Decomposing body of abducted ex-commissioner found in Edo forest

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ineteen day after he was abducted, a joint team of security operatives and vigilante groups in Edo State have recovered the decomposing body of former Commissioner of Youths and Sports and past chairman, Ovia North East Local Government Area, Hon Egbe Ediagbonya in Utese village.

They recovered the body from a forest close to his village.

The former local government chairman was abducted in the early hours of Saturday, May 16.

His abductors had earlier asked for N15 million ransom and directed the family to go and drop N2 million in Patani, a boundary town between Delta and Bayelsa States, whereas he was abducted in the a between Edo and Ondo States.

It was learnt that shortly after the family dropped the ransom, the abductors were said to have sent an SMS to the family that their father's body was in a cassava farm near Utese where he was abducted.

It was learnt that a team of hunters and farmers were attracted to the spot by a strong stench oozing out the forest.

Some bottles of soft drinks and red oil were found near the spot.

Police Public Relations Officer in Edo State, DSP Chidi Nwabuzor in a statement yesterday said the body was found "by some farmers in a forest sharing boundary with Ondo State at Utese Village.

He said: "The farmers who were uneasy and apprehensive about the horrible sight rushed to the Village to break the news, thereafter moved to the Divisional Police Headquarters, Okada and reported the development to the Divisional Police Officer of the Station.

"At the scene, the remains of Hon P. E. Edioagbonya were identified to be him by his family and immediately his remains was professionally evacuated and taken to Igbinedion University Hospital Mortuary, Okada for Autopsy Examination.

"To this end, the Command deeply commensurate with the immediate family of late Hon P.E Ediagbonya and pray to Almighty God to give them the fortitude to bear the loss and vows to fish out the killers of the illustrious son of Utese Village."

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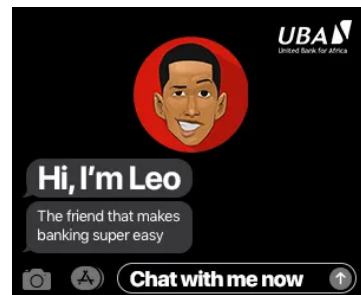
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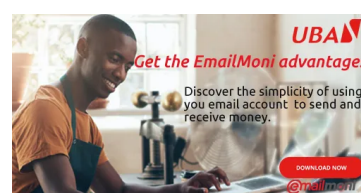
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