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Rivers: Bodies of 30 kidnap victims found in makeshift mortuary

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Thirty bodies of suspected kidnap victims have been found in a makeshift mortuary carved out from an abandoned government owned hospital in Elele-Alimii in Emuoha Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The council chairman of the area, Dr. Chidi Lloyd, had stormed the mortuary, believed to be patronised by kidnappers following a tip off on the criminal activities taking place in the facility.

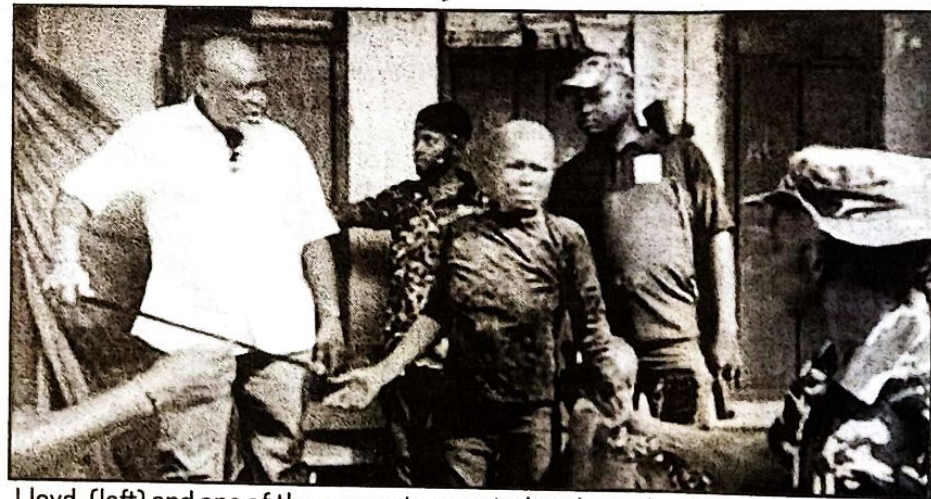
Lloyd, who came in company of a combined team of security personnel and the local government Taskforce on Illegal Artisanal Refining, also discovered that a part of the hospital was being used for

the storage of illegally refined petroleum products by illegal artisanal refiners.

He also discovered the decomposing remains of suspected kidnap victims and ordered the arrest of the operators of the mortuary after his security team searched the entire building and discovered those running the mortuary.

Those with the knowledge of the criminal activities in the facility told Lloyd that some of the kidnapped victims had died through torture, hunger and that some of them had been shot while in custody of the kidnappers.

Lloyd who wondered why the leaders of Elele-Alimini community allowed such crime to go on in the community, noted that those behind it must have involved some key persons, such as traditional rulers and community elders.



Lloyd, (left) and one of the suspects arrested at the makeshift mortuary

According to an informed source, the discovered bodies were remains of people who disappeared mysteriously after being randomly kidnapped

by kidnapping syndicates while travelling along the Port Harcourt/ Owerri Road, or persons that were directly targeted for kidnapping.

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