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## Nigeria: Kidnappers Kill Victim in P'Harcourt

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Kidnappings yesterday turned sour in Rivers State when Mr. Njo Amadi, who was kidnapped from his Nkpor Village in Obio/Akpo Local Government Area of the state, was killed by his captors after his family members delivered N2 million ransom to them.

Amadi was kidnapped last Saturday from his village after he allegedly absconded from his house following threats by some members of his family.

He allegedly ran to his maternal home in the same locality for safety but was later kidnapped and an N80 million ransom demanded for his release.

The family then began moves to free him and negotiated the money down from N80million to N2 million, which they paid. The kidnappers thereafter directed them to a point on Iwofe Road to fetch Amadi.

When they got to the spot described by the kidnappers, the family members only found his lifeless body there and they raised an alarm, which attracted both security men and passersby who assisted the family to take his body to the morgue.

Amadi was said to have been embroiled a family tussle that led to one of his sons threatening to deal with him.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer of the State, DSP Ireju Barasua said she received the information of Amadi's demise, but would not confirm if any ransom was paid as the security agencies do not permit the payment of ransome.

The kidnappers called the mother of the children to inform her that the boy was down in health and asked her to expedite action in payment of the ransom before the child dies in their custody.

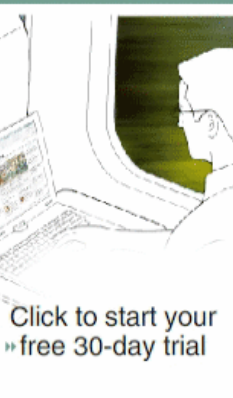
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