

# Suspected assassins kill Anosike

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## UMUAHIA — SUSPECTED

assassins have killed the head of Service of Ikwuano Local Government Council, Mr. Lawrence Anosike.

The news of Anosike's death came on a day Governor Theodore Orji paid the sum of N1 million to a man who volunteered information on the activities of kidnappers in the state.

The man who was brought to the Governor by the outgoing Police commissioner, Mr. Emmanuel Ezeozue, was however under mask and his name was not

made public. The security situation in the state has raised tension amongst the residence of Umuahia and environs.

The masked man was brought in by the police for Governor Orji, who had a few months ago, promised a N1 million reward to any person who volunteered in formation on the activities of kidnappers who for sometime now has held the state hostage.

The latest death of Anosike who was said to have been killed by three people on motorcycle immediately prompted Governor Orji to restrict the operation of motorcyclists in the state, both private and commercial.

They are now to operate between 6am and 6pm.

Orji has blamed the opposition for the upsurge in kidnapping and other criminal acts in the state.

The men were said to have been hovering around in their monocycle around late Anosike's area until he returned from a meeting he was said to have attended.

As he was approaching, his killers were said to have blocked him and shot him. He was confirmed dead in the hospital.

The police have confirmed the killing and said that investigation into the matter has ben launched. No arrest

has so far been made.

Meanwhile, the Abia State Police Command yesterday rescued two kidnapped victims, two sisters from the same mother, from Ihite Uboma in Imo State, who were kidnapped since last Wednesday night.

The two women, Dr. Stella Chijioke and Mrs. Joy Emeruwa, were in their Maisen village for the memorial service of their late mother when the hoodlums attacked them in their father's house and kidnapped them, after robbing the entire household in their father's compound.

The Police however, following a tip-off, yesterday, carried out a raid in a village in Ikwuano, at the borders of Abia and Akwa Ibom states, and killed one of the kidnappers, while one who was seriously injured was also arrested before rescuing the kidnapped victims.

Both the dead kidnapper and the wounded were paraded at the police headquarters in Umuahia.

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institutional framework to drive social and economic development in the zone.