

# Kidnapped Anambra Commissioner, wife regain freedom

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**T**HE Anambra State Commissioner for Youth Development, Patrick Aghamba and his wife who were kidnapped on Friday along the Edo-Kogi road on their way to Abuja, have regained their freedom.

Aghamba's aide, ABK Offiah, who was travelling with them was, however, shot dead by the gunmen.

They were to attend the wedding ceremony of Adaora, the daughter of the state governor, Professor Chukwuma Soludo.

The state government confirmed the release of the couple, yesterday. Press Secretary to Governor Soludo, Christian Aburime, said Aghamba and his wife were released on Saturday night.

According to him, no ransom was paid for their release and the release was achieved through divine intervention.

## Corpse of aide brought back to Onitsha

Meantime, residents of Onitsha

cried and wailed uncontrollably yesterday as the corpse of ABK Offiah, an aide to the Anambra State Commissioner for Youths Development, who was killed by gunmen was brought back to the commercial city.

Offiah, a lawyer, who hailed from Onitsha and held the traditional title of Kpajiego, was a youth leader in the ancient town.

Many people who were still in their churches ran out when they heard the siren of the ambulance that brought his body home.

In a trending video, many people were seen crying profusely and cursing those responsible for the death of the young legal practitioner.