## Royal father kidnapped, 2 killed

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Daily Champion learnt that the hoodlums attacked the <u>church</u> where the chief was worshiping about 9:30am, and took <u>him away</u>. They went towards <u>Abia</u> State. The kidnappers killed the two while they were trying to foil the abduction.

A source said: "The paramount ruler of <u>Umuebulu community in Obigbo loc</u>al government area of <u>Rivers</u> state, <u>Eze Sunday Njoku</u>, the Ochimba 1 of Umuebulu, was kidnapped from the church today.

"The hoodlums who extracted him from his seat inside the church killed two persons who reportedly attempted to block them. Several others also sustained gunshot injuries from stray bullets. The criminals headed towards Aba in Abia State with their victim."

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the Rivers State police command, Dr Rita Inoma-Abbey (SP), said men from the command had gone on the trail of the hoodlums.

She said no contact has been established with kidnappers, even as no ransom has been demand.