

# Gunmen abduct four in Imo, kill one

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**S**USPECTED gunmen at the weekend stormed Amaigbo village in Nwangele Council of Imo State, abducting four persons.

However, another person encountered by the abductors as they were making their exit, was shot severally and he gave up the ghost.

According to sources, the incident occurred when the members of the town union of the area, Amaigbo Progressive Union, were holding their meeting over their monarch's burial, Eze Nwosu.

The source said that members of the town's union from other parts of the country had converged near their market, Eke Ukwu, when suddenly the gunmen alighted from their Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV), releasing bullets into the air in a

commando style, whisking away the four victims to unknown destination.

The State's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Linus Nwaiwu, confirmed the incident to The Guardian, saying that the officers of the command were working on how to rescue the victims.

He added: ". We heard that the villagers were holding town union meeting when gunmen came and took way four people. Our men are working to rescue them. It is too early to comment further on it. I will get in touch with officers out there."

According to sources who confided in The Guardian, those kidnapped are the President General of the union, Kenneth Eso, , Treasurer of the body, Okechukwu Anyiam, Fabian Onwu and Major Ibewuike Azubuike (rtd).