

# Gunmen behead abducted ex-lawmaker in Anambra

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Gunmen have beheaded a former lawmaker in Anambra State. The victim, Nelson Achukwu, from Nnewi South Local Government Area of Anambra, was reportedly abducted a few months ago by gunmen who accused him of providing information to military authorities.

He was, however, released after his abductors realised he was not guilty of the allegation. Achukwu, a physically-challenged person, was again abducted three weeks ago from his house in the Mkpok community.

He was beheaded after his family reportedly paid N15 million as ransom to the gunmen.

The police spokesperson in Anambra State, Tochukwu Ikenga, confirmed the incident on Wednesday. He said the body of the former lawmaker was found on Tuesday between the boundary of Uke and Ukpok Communities in the council area.

“His decapitated body was found at the back of Ulasi Rivers and was quickly buried by the family on Tuesday evening as the body was already decomposing.

“Efforts were being made to rescue him (from his abductors) before this unfortunate development,” Ikenga said.

The police spokesperson said the police would not relent in investigating the incident and assured that the suspects would be tracked down.

Achukwu is the owner of Nelly Oil & Gas Filling Station in Utuh, another community in the council area.

He represented Nnewi South 2 Constituency in the state assembly during the administration of former governor, Chris Ngige, now Minister of Labour and Employment.

The latest attack came exactly one month after gunmen abducted and then beheaded Okechukwu Okoye, a lawmaker representing Aguata 2 Constituency in Anambra State House of Assembly.

Okoye was killed on May 21 with his aide, Cyril Chiegboka, six days after they were abducted along Aguluzigbo Road, Anaocha Local Government Area of the state.