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Rivers: Police Begin Manhunt For Royal Father's Kidnappers

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The Rivers State police command has launched manhunt for the kidnappers, who killed a policeman, and kidnapped the traditional ruler of Igbo-Agwurasa Kingdom, in Etche local government area of the state, Eze Samuel Amaechi, as well as to rescue their victim.

Amaechi, a Rivers State government recognised First Class traditional ruler, and medical director of Nobsams Clinic, Port Harcourt, was abducted last Thursday night in the state capital, by unknown gunmen.

The monarch, who was recognised by the Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi-led administration in November 2003, was kidnapped at gunpoint at Mile 4 area of Port Harcourt at about 7.40pm of that day while returning from work.

The police public relations officer (PPRO) in the state, Ahmad Muhammad, who disclosed this while speaking to newsmen in Port Harcourt, yesterday, said

men of the command were on the lookout for the hide-out of the kidnappers.

Muhammad said, "The manhunt for rescuing him safely is still on-going. Our men are on the lookout for where he is being kept and I can assure that we anticipate a breakthrough."

A source close to the monarch's family said he was just about two houses close to his own house when the gunmen stopped the car in which he was being chauffeur- driven.

According to the source, the gunmen, numbering about four, shot his police orderly dead and opened the car and dragged him out while shooting into the air.



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