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Edochie

From Nwanosike Onu, Awka and George Adimike Onitsha

Three persons were feared killed yesterday when unknown gunmen kidnapped movie star Peter Edochie in Onitsha, the commercial nerve centre of Anambra State.

They were killed, witness said, to facilitate Edochie's abduction.

Edochie, who hit the limelight as Okonkwo in the television adaptation of Chinua Achebe's book, *"Things fall Apart"* was kidnapped after his bodyguards were overpowered.

A manhunt has begun for the five-man gang, with the Commissioner of Police Uzor Amakulor, leading the operation.

Amakulor told *The Nation* that about 40 of his men were in the bush, searching for Edochie.

Witnesses said Edochie was kidnapped on Tarzan junction, Nkpo, in Idemili North Local Government Area.

He was said to be on his way to his hometown, Nteje, in Oyi Local Government Area.

They took him away in their Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV), shooting into the air to scare passersby.

Edochie's car, which was abandoned at the scene, has been taken to Ogidi police station.

No ransom has been demanded yet.

Onitsha Police Area Commander John Nwele confirmed the incident, but said it did not happen in his jurisdiction.

Amakulor said his men were on top of the situation, promising that they would rescue Edochie.

He described the situation as unfortunate, adding that the perpetrators would not go unpunished.

Chief Press Secretary to Governor Peter Obi, Mike Udah, said it was a surprise because in the last one month, kidnapping and armed robbery had reduced in the state.

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ekundayo adeniran Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 17 Aug 2009 9:00:32 AM WAT

Yar'Adua and his goons have finally lost the plot. Now cheeky Mark, the loquacious windbag who spewed a lot of hot air against Hilary Clinton for baring her mind on the state of the nation, will now be forced if he still retains a wrapper of decency, to apologise for his gaffe. Truth is most of this guys in power are always on the overdrive-talking before they think. Signs like the abduction of Edochie and Nigerians, soaring wave of insecurity in the land, legislative prostitution and rascality; incurable arrogance of ignorance afflicting the leadership are positive milestones that we might be on the road of perdition if we do not apply the brakes. But will Nigeria's dealer-leaders, who prefer to play ludo with the destiny of this great nation ever do something before it's too late. God bless Nigeria!

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Edoreh Festus Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 17 Aug 2009 9:28:58 AM WAT

Again, and again, security lapses in Nigeria is brought to the limelight by the kidnap of Pete Edochie at Onitsha, the commercial nerve centre of Anambra State, in which three persons were also feared killed when unknown gunmen kidnapped the movie star. Until we tell ourselves the home truth about our security

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situation, and stop blaming Hilary Clinton for telling us the naked truth, we not see reasons to find concrete solutions to the mirage of problems.

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madaki Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 17 Aug 2009 9:31:37 AM WAT

Well,i hope this is not a welcome message for our new I.G of police from his people back home in Anambra. The world is watching,when will this stop?.Nigeria is drifting faster to anarchy under the watchful eyes of our " RULE OF LAW MANAGERS "shame!!!shame!!!shame!!!

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TBABY Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 17 Aug 2009 1:59:45 PM WAT

This is not good at all. Do we now sleep with our eyes open when our safety can no longer be guaranteed?. The security situation in the country is far deteriorating, the niger delta drama is far extending into other parts of the country. Its high time those in government admit they have failed. God help us. Amen

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said this on 17 Aug 2009 2:25:08 PM WAT

my country Nigeria!! when will all these stop? when will our leaders do the right thing and stop looting the coffers of this nation?

making wealth and fame through Godly means have become a crime in my country,remaining poor is even worse! oh Nigeria!!!!

Onovo,this is a clarion call,you must rise to the challenges of security especially in the east where this kidnapping has escalated embarrassingly. God bless Nigeria and keep the just from wickedness.

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patrick Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 17 Aug 2009 3:04:57 PM WAT

Please release our man ooooooooo

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Calvo Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 17 Aug 2009 3:43:32 PM WAT

For the sake of Piece and too prevent the shedding of blood in the form of total anarchy localise the police to State/Senatorial zones and for God's sake, have a FEDERAL SYSTEM, not this unitary system we are in truth doing. We are on the brink of total chaos and the vultures are flying over your head.

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Ede Eze Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 17 Aug 2009 5:56:50 PM WAT

It is pathetic that our youth have lost focus on the original intent of revolution. Kidnapping has been abused and even the custodians of morality in the country are potential targets. I hope Edochie would write a good script from his experience for Nollywood when released- I can't wait to watch- He will be very prolific especially when reality becomes fiction from own personal experience.

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valantine Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 17 Aug 2009 7:29:19 PM WAT

well after all has been said , it's high time we accept the fact since when robbery was consider to be the other of the day , to when robbery was said to be a bait for political gain to where it become a business of the day,well for onovo i wish to say kudos to him for answering the clarron call with boko haram as his password even though he meet amnesty on the pipe line he still has kidnaping to prove his patriotism. i pray we all have a peacefull nigeria.

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kevin abel Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 17 Aug 2009 8:17:15 PM WAT

excellent

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a2V2aW4gYWJlA== Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 17 Aug 2009 8:21:52 PM WAT

good presentation

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afe davids Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 17 Aug 2009 10:14:34 PM WAT

this is the height of it,a man in that caliber,what has he done to deserve this kind of treatment?if these guys really mean it let them go after those high profile men those in power and let poor masses be

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Emeka Gargara Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 18 Aug 2009 3:21:59 AM WAT

South Easterners must consider this kidnapping as economic sabotage. Didi ori ewego ka onye nwe ga ama.

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These kidnappers are strangling the economy of South Eastern region that needed all the help it can receive from every quarter. Why is it that there is no kidnapping in the Western and Northern Nigeria? These criminal saboteurs has to be hanged in their father's compound if ever they have a father. We are asking the able gov of Anambra State to lead the regional governors not to back down rather to stare down these saboteurs names kidnappers in our region. They are stirring up northern '66 or pre-war confusion in our region. These animals has to be fleeced. When they kidnapp a stature of Pete Edochie, they need to be helped out of their misery. They have to be hunted down even to their mother's bedroom.

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