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The senatorial candidate of the Peoples Progressive Party (PPP) for Anambra South, Omenife Izuegbu, has been kidnapped.

The PPP candidate was kidnapped around 8 pm on Tuesday on his way from a campaign rally in Ekwusigo Local Government Area.

Gunmen also abducted a chieftain of the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA), Chief Emeka Asoanya, alias war machine.

An eyewitness said yesterday in Awka that Izuegbu's abductors were demanding N150 million for his release.

His police orderly was killed during the attack.

Police spokesman Emeka Chukwuemeka confirmed the incidents.

He said it was unfortunate the command lost one of its men.

Chukwuemeka said the command was not aware of a ransom of N150 million.

The police spokesman said more officers had been deployed to rescue the politicians.

He said: "This is the height of irresponsibility, that a few days to the election, some people have taken it upon themselves to challenge the command, despite our warnings. Enough is enough."

Asoanya was abducted at Fegge in Onitsha.

Sources said Asoanya, a chairmanship aspirant for Onitsha South Local Government, was

abducted by a five-man gang.

They said the gang came in a Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV).

A source said Asoanya was coming from a political meeting at Agulu, Anaocha, and forced into the boot of the car.

A family source said the kidnappers were yet to establish contact.



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