

Ohanaeze chieftain dies in kidnappers den

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A former Chairman of the Lagos State chapter of the Ohanaeze Ndigbo, Chief John Nzewi, a.k.a. Apunawu, who was kidnapped in Ihiala a few weeks ago during the run-off Senatorial election in Anambra South, yesterday died in the kidnappers' den.

Another man, who was kidnapped with him (names withheld), was reportedly freed after paying a ransom.

Sources said the late Nzewi's family could not afford the N50 million demanded by the kidnappers.

It was gathered that the abductors settled for N30 million, which the family produced, but the kidnappers took the money and released Nzewi's body to the family.

Spokesman of the Ohanaeze Ndigbo in Diaspora Chief Sonny Louis Okafor called on the police to apprehend the hoodlums.

He said: "We commiserate with the family on this unfortunate incident and urge the police to track down Nzewi's killers. We hope this case would not be swept under the carpet after preliminary investigations."