

Gunmen kill, rape, abduct woman



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Nando community in Anambra East Local Government Area of Anambra State was thrown into mourning at the weekend, following the killing of a middle-aged man by gunmen.

The gunmen, believed to be kidnappers, reportedly shot the deceased, Maxwell Ezeudu, while he and his mother and sister were returning from a church vigil at Igbariam.

The Nation learnt that the deceased was going home at Aguleri in company of his mother and sister when they rammed into a roadblock mounted by the gunmen, who laid ambush for them.

A resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the deceased nearly escaped from the gunmen before he was shot dead.

He said: "On getting to Nando, a neighbouring community, they rammed into a roadblock mounted by the gunmen and their vehicle suddenly stopped after it veered off the road."

The resident said the gunmen allowed the aged mother to go, while they raped the deceased's sister and kidnapped her.

The Nation gathered that the kidnappers later demanded N350,000 ransom after establishing contact with her relations.

Contacted, police spokesman Haruna Mohammed pleaded for time to reach the DPO for confirmation.

"I will find out from the DPO please," he said.