Kidnap-suspects kill APC ward chair in Ondo after collecting N5m ransom

Abductors of Nelson Adepoyigi, chairman of the **All Progressives Congress (APC)**, Ward five Ose Local Government Area of Ondo State have killed him.

Adepoyigi was kidnapped last week while going to his farm at Ifon.

The kidnappers had demanded a ransom of N100million but later reduced it to N5million.

Things took a twist when the kidnappers seized the two persons that brought the money, including food items.

The kidnappers, however, demanded another N30million ransom to release the three victims but only the two ransom bearers were released on Friday night.

Sources said it was the two that broke the sad news of the killing of the Ward five APC chairman.

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The source said the remains of Adepoyigi was yet to be found.

Ondo Police spokesman, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Ayanlade Olayinka Olushola, said he was yet to confirm the killing or release of the other victims.

Chairman of Ose Local Government, Clement Kolapo Ojo, said the two volunteers had regained their freedom but was saddened by the killing of Adepoyigi.

"The entire leadership and people of Ose Local Government mourn this tragic loss. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and political associates of the deceased".

"His dedication to the progress of our party and the grassroots community will be forever remembered and honoured."

"We are at a critical juncture where security challenges have become a serious threat to the safety and freedom of our people. Only a few days before this incident, another resident narrowly escaped being kidnapped while parking his motorcycle. This pattern of brazen abductions, even at the very gates of people's homes, confirms that insecurity has taken a dangerous and intolerable dimension".