## Chilling tales: Our ugly experiences in kidnappers den –Victims

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Kidnap or abduction for ransom and sometimes ritual purposes has been on the rise in parts of the Southeast. Recently, a lifeless body of a female student of the Institute of Technology, Enugu, was found in a gutter of a popular restaurant in Independence Layout, Enugu with her vital organs removed.

In Abia State, particularly the commercial hub of Aba, Sunday Sun findings showed that kidnapping which began there in 2009, appears to have come to stay with the people. No week passes without report of this unholy trade popularized by one Obioma Nwankwo a.k.a Osisikankwu, taking place.



Again, it is very difficult to get kidnap victims/survivors to speak on their experiences while in their captors' den as they prefer to remain anonymous.

However, Samuel Nwaigwe relieved his sordid experience when his two sons were kidnapped and murdered for ritual.

Nwaigwe, from a community in Isiala Ngwa South Local Government Area of Abia State, was a mortician in Aba.

He told Sunday Sun how some years back, he hosted one of his friends in his house at Obingwa on a Sunday.

Nwaigwe said that he never knew his friend whose name he gave as Ebere, while eating his food, had sinister plans against his two sons, Kenneth and Paul, then aged six and four and the only male children of their parents.

Unfortunately, as the two brothers were going to school the following day, Ebere with his gang, ambushed and kidnapped them.

As school dismissed that day, Kenneth and his brother did not come back home, a search team was raised. Nwaigwe said ironically, Ebere his friend, was a member of the search team.

Nwaigwe was horrified with what he discovered later: "I went through the trauma of searching for my only two male children for one week, until we found them in a shallow grave in a palm plantation. They were killed and their vital organs removed.

"What pained me most was that when the matter was reported and they carried out discreet investigation, it was discovered that Ebere, who called himself my friend, was the one who arranged my children's abduction and killing".

He said that Ebere was picked up and charged for kidnapping and murder.