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# Kidnapped Octogenarian Feared Dead

**F**orty eight hours after he was abducted by yet to be identified militant group, the whereabouts of blind octogenarian, Pa Jeffie Komonibo, who was seized at his Odi home in Kolokuma-Opokuma Local Government area of Bayelsa State is still unknown, while unconfirmed

*From Segun James*

*in Yenagoa*

report say he may be dead.

Bayelsa State House of Assembly has condemned the kidnap.

THISDAY gathered that unlike other times when the abductors make their demand

for ransom within 24 hours, no demand has been made, a situation which has fueled speculation that he may have died.

Speaker of the Assembly, Honourable Werenipre Seibaru, whose mother was also kidnapped recently, said "kidnapping is not part of the genuine Ijaw struggle for equity and justice."

According to Special Assistant to the Speaker on Media and Publicity, Mr Jonah Okah, Seibaru condemned kidnapping of relations of political office holders by gunmen, a situation which does not augur well for the image of the state.

He, therefore, called on all well-meaning Bayelsans to join in the campaign against the ugly trend.

"What would anybody gain from kidnapping a man who is over eighty years old? The act should be condemned by well meaning Bayelsans.

## FCC on N10m Bribe Allegation

Court averred that Obi, through his counsel, Onyechi Ikpeazu, gave him N10 million through a Zenith bank, Onitsha branch cheque.

In a petition dated November 3, 2007, and signed by its Executive director, Mr. Ifeanyi Onyebuzulu, the group tasked EFCC to investigate what it said was a "serious breach of the judicial code of ethics" amounting to "fraud against the administration of justice."

Said the group: "We read with shock and trepidation, the account of one Mr. Ifeanyi-chukwu

Okonkwo of how he was bribed by Governor Peter Obi and his lawyer, Dr. Onyechi Ikpeazu, SAN, to withdraw an otherwise serious and competent application in suit No.CAE/94-2007 in which Governor Peter Obi and Mr. Okonkwo are parties, bothering on the jurisdiction of the Court and thereby misled the Court into proceeding to hear an otherwise incompetent action and took decision(s) thereof in flagrant contempt of the Penal Code, Criminal Code Law, Advance Fee Fraud Act and other relevant Statutes in Nigeria."