

Police Orderly Killed, Senatorial Candidate Kidnapped

The candidate of People's Progressive Party (PPP) for Anambra South senatorial district in the April 2, 2011 National Assembly election, Chief Omenife Adolphus Izuegbu, was Tuesday, kidnapped at about 7pm at Ozubulu in the Ekwusigo council area of the state.

This came as one person was reportedly killed at South Ibie town in Estako West local government of Edo State over disagreement in the sharing of money allegedly given to them by an aspirant to the House of Representatives, Mr. Abbas Braimah.

Braimah however denied arming the youths for the purpose of assisting him in the election, saying the Estako people were solidly behind him.

Izuegbu was said to be returning from a campaign tour of communities in the council area when

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a four man gang double-crossed the vehicle in which he was riding with his driver and the police security personnel attached to him, and shot the orderly dead before whisking Izuegbu away.

A relation of his who spoke to THIS DAY on condition of anonymity said the abductors had called early yesterday morning to demand for a ransom of N150 million before they could set him free.

"They however didn't say where they were or how they

could be reached," he said.

Police Public Relations Officer in Anambra State, Mr. Emeka Chukwuemeka, confirmed the incident to THIS DAY yesterday but expressed regrets that the force lost an officer in the process.

He nonetheless said the state command was not aware of the N150m ransom being demanded by the hoodlums, adding however that the police had deployed more

men and officers to Ekwusigo council area and Ozubulu community in particular, even as investigation into the matter had commenced. In Abia state, two young men were reportedly killed on Tuesday and many others injured at Okom Ohafia in Ohafia Local Government Area of the state following a politically motivated clash between rival youths in the area.

While the actual cause of the

incident has become a controversial issue, eye witnesses said that gun shots were fired and one person died on the spot while the second victim, who was taken to a hospital, gave up the ghost later in the night. It was gathered that the deceased hailed from Okom and Amaekpu villages of Ohafia, respectively.

Expectedly the incident has sparked recriminations between the ruling Peoples Democratic

Party (PDP) and the main opposition Progressive Peoples Alliance (PPA), each blaming the other for the killings.

Meanwhile, Governor Theodore Orji, in a statement signed by his Chief Press Secretary, Kingsley Emereuwa, has commiserated with the PDP Chairman in Ohafia, Hon Kingsley Imaga, the family of the deceased and the entire Okon Aku community for the dastardly act, assuring them that Government will do everything possible to bring the perpetrators of the act to book.

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ed this in a statement, also said the planned deployment is a continua-

like elections.

In a related development, the Anambra State chapter of the party yesterday expressed some concerns about what it described as the alleged plot to rig Saturday's National Assembly elections in the state by the rival All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA).

At a press conference

it claimed formed the intervention point for the alleged technical rigging that took place in the February 6, 2010 governorship election in the state had not been released to the parties.

But the Campaign Manager to Governor Peter Obi during the governorship electioneering, Chief Sylvester Nwobu - Alor, said the allegations were false and that APGA was not authorised by

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