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*....Uduaghan condemns act, consoles family*

Chief Jacob Odivwri Edjesa, father of Eddy Odivwri, member of ThisDay Editorial Board, who was kidnapped from his residence last Tuesday was found killed and his body dumped in his neighbourhood, at Emonu Orogun, in Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta, last Sunday.

Part of Pa Odivwri's head was smashed with a sharp object

It is not certain when exactly he was killed as his body was no longer fresh. Autopsy reports on the corpse was not ready as at press time.

The kidnappers had however continued to demand for the ten million Naira ransom earlier demanded even up till yesterday afternoon, unknown to them that the family had found the corpse.

A police officer who came for investigation only on Sunday from the state command in Asaba could however not arrest anybody in connection with the crime, after all statements had been made by the family of the victim.

Pa Odivwri, 82, was kidnapped last Tuesday by unknown persons who had initially demanded that N20,000 worth of MTN recharge cards, which was sent to them on the promise that Pa Odivwri will be allowed to speak to his family members from the kidnappers' hideout after they have received the cards. But the promise was not kept.

The kidnappers, it is believed, hid the corpse and kept raising the hope of the family that their father will be released, after the payment of the ransom, even when they had killed him.

Gov Emmanuel Uduaghan who yesterday condemned the dastardly act, called some family members of the deceased on phone to sympathise with them.

A statement from the Odivwri family, signed by Godspower Odivwri enjoined the security operatives in the state to intensify efforts aimed at unraveling the riddle surrounding the kidnap and brutal murder of their father.

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