

Kidnappers kill senior Rivers govt staff, abduct wife, 3 others

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PORTHARCOURT — IT was tragedy in Rivers State, yesterday, as some alleged kidnappers reportedly abducted Mr Azu Nwangolo, Head of Economic Affairs, Rivers State Ministry of Women Affairs, his wife and three others in his car at Omuma Local Government Area.

The government official was, however, not lucky as he was allegedly killed by his kidnappers.

Confirming the sad development, the Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer, Dr Rita Inoma Abbey, said though detail was still hazy at press time, the police were making effort to track down the kidnappers.

She dismissed fears in some quarters that the wife of the deceased and the three other hostages

might have been killed.

Meantime, Vanguard gathered that the kidnappers at the time of this report had not contacted families of the hostages for any ransom, a situation that heightened fear that they might have been killed.

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ABUJA — POLITICAL parties have begun preparations for the holding of their national conventions to select flag bearers for the forthcoming elections following the release of the time table of activities for the elections by the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC recently.

While the All Progressive Grand Alliance has formally written to INEC intimating the commission