

One Feared Dead As 15 Ekiti Kidnap Victims Regain Freedom

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After two months of their abduction, fifteen of the sixteen persons kidnapped in Eda Oniyo Ekiti in Ilejemeje local government area of Ekiti State have regained their freedom.

One of the abductees, said to be an 84-year-old woman, however, reportedly died in the kidnappers' den.

The kidnap victims, it was gathered, were released Friday midnight.

Sources close to the town disclosed that the freed kidnap victims have been moved to the Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital (EKSUTH), Ado-Ekiti, for

comprehensive medical evaluation and treatment.

Circumstances leading to their freedom is not yet known as of the time of filing this report.

But the Ekiti State Police Command in a statement by the Police Public Relations Officer, SP Sunday Abutu, said the victims were successfully rescued following sustained intelligence-led operations and coordinated efforts by the Nigeria Police Force, the Military, other security agencies, the Amotekun Corps, local hunters, and the Ekiti State government.

Abutu said the rescued victims have since been taken to the hospital for medical examination and