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Freed kidnap victim recounts ordeal, says family paid N10 million ransom



An abducted victim, **Prince Obioma Wisdom Nwauwa**, has recounted his ordeal in captivity, alleging that his family paid a N10 million ransom to secure his release.

Nwauwa, who was abducted on June 10, this year, on Ogbaku-Ejemakuru-Akabo Road in Oguta Local Government Area of Imo State while returning home from a trip, said he narrowly escaped death.

He described the kidnappers' hideout as a terrifying camp where victims were subjected to harsh conditions and lived in fear.

According to him, the abductors demanded a N10 million ransom from his family and also requested additional supplies.

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"They demanded N10 million ransom, which my people paid. They also asked my people to supply them with two cartons of Malta, cooked rice with plenty of meat, cigarettes and Indian hemp, but my younger brother refused to provide the Indian hemp," he said.

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Nwauwa in Owerri, alleged that several captives were subjected to various forms of abuse and intimidation while in captivity.

He further claimed that two fellow captives lost their lives during his captivity.

The victim identified his abductors as Fulani herdsmen, alleging that they were armed with AK-47 rifles and dressed in military camouflage. "They were speaking Fulani," he said.

He called on the state and Federal governments to intensify security operations by combing forests across the state, particularly in Owerri West Local Government Area and other flashpoints, including Irete, Njaba, Oguta and the Okigwe axis.

"The government should block the sources of arms supply to these bandits," he appealed.