

One dies, two injured in unsuccessful kidnap attempt on Ijebu Ode–Ibadan Road

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A male commuter died on Saturday, while two others—a male and a female—sustained injuries from gunshots fired by armed men in an unsuccessful kidnap attempt on the Ijebu Ode–Ibadan Road within Oyo State.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the incident occurred at about 6 p.m. when the commuters, coming from Ijebu Ode, had almost reached Onigambari Village in the Idi Gbogun area.

It was learnt that a private vehicle, a Toyota Corolla Sport car, was in front while a bus and other vehicles followed when the kidnapers emerged from the bush and started shooting sporadically.

Passengers in the vehicles were said to have quickly disembarked, running in different directions to escape from the armed men.

One of the four occupants of the Toyota Corolla Sport car reportedly ran into Onigambari Village, where the head of local hunters (Olu Ode) was installed a few hours before the emergence of the kidnapers.

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However, three of the commuters were hit by bullets fired by the kidnapers and were rushed to Ibadan Central Hospital for prompt medical attention.

The quick response of police operatives from the Anti-Kidnapping Squad (AKS), Idi Ayunre Divisional Headquarters, the Amotekun Corps, Oluyole vigilantes, and local hunters prevented the armed men from succeeding in their abduction attempt.

One of the victims, a male, however, died on the way to the hospital.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Oyo State Police Command, DSP Olayinka Ayanlade, confirmed the incident and the death of one of the victims who sustained gunshot wounds.

The police spokesman said that the command has declared a manhunt for the perpetrators in order to bring them to justice.

