

# Unknown Gunmen Kill Two Travellers, Abduct 14 Others In Benue



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At least two travellers were shot dead, and 14 others reportedly kidnapped on the Utonkon-Ojapo/Okpoga road in Ado Local Government Area of [Benue State](#) when unknown gunmen attacked them in a bus.

The incident occurred less than 24 hours after nine worshippers were kidnapped at St. John's Catholic Church, Ojje, Utonkon, in the same local government while observing a night vigil.

New Telegraph gathered from local inhabitants that the attack took place around 7 p.m., while the travellers were said to be journeying from Oju Local Government Area to the western part of the country for work.



A witness told our correspondent: "They departed Iheijwo Market, Oju LGA, around 7 p.m., with the driver passing through Utonkon-Ojapo/Okpoga road, Ado LGA, Benue State, when the kidnappers stopped them and took 14 passengers into the bush. Two persons were shot dead when the driver refused to stop.

"They collected their phones to prevent them from contacting their relatives. The bus is at Utonkon Police Station currently, but the passengers' whereabouts are unknown."

Chairman of Oju Local Government Area, Mr. Jackson Ominyi, who confirmed the incident to journalists, said two persons were shot dead while another two were rescued through the efforts of his Okpokwu LGA counterpart.

"I commend the effort of the Okpokwu Chairman for ensuring the rescue of two persons so far and also his assurance to rescue all remaining abductees," he added.

The Police could not be reached for reaction as at press time.