

Gunmen Kill 300L Varsity Student, Abduct Palace Secretary, 4 Others In Edo

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...demand N30m ransom

Gunmen suspected to be kidnappers have reportedly killed a 300-level student of the Ambrose Alli University (AAU), Ekpoma and abducted five others in Edo State.

It was learnt that the incident happened separately on Friday, July 10, and Sunday, July 12, 2026 in Idoia and Ekpoma communities, respectively.

In the incident that happened on July 12, 2026, a student whose identity is yet to be ascertained was reportedly abducted on the night of the fateful day when the gunmen invaded his residence. A woman was also allegedly abducted by the assailants on the same day.

The killing of the student and the abduction of the woman was disclosed on Esan Political Assembly facebook page. In the Idoa kidnapping incident, the gunmen abducted the secretary to the palace of the community alongside three children on the morning of Friday, July 10.

A source who said the secretary is his brother and the children those of his neighbours, added that the abductors have demanded for N30 million ransom. He said the abductors threatened to kill the victims if the ransom was not paid before the end of July 13.

According to him, "my brother was kidnapped on Friday morning at the Idoa Community, in Esan West Local Government Area. He is the secretary of the Idoa palace. They are demanding for N30 million. "He was kidnapped alongside other small children that were with him.

His vehicle broke down on his way to the farm and he left it where it broke down. "The next day, he came back to the place with tools and other things to repair the motor.

As he was there to repair the vehicle, gunmen just came out from the bush, rounded them up and took them into the bush. "The children are those of his neighbours. The children followed him to where he wanted to repair his vehicle just to give him support, and he was to bring them back home after the repair because they live together," he said.

At the time of the report, the Public Relations Officer of the Edo State Police Command, ASP Eno Ikoedem, was yet to respond to a message sent to her Whatsapp.