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Drivers block Benin-Sagamu road as robbers kill 2

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Commercial drivers plying the Benin-Sagamu highway yesterday barricaded the highway following the killing of a pregnant woman and a bus conductor by armed robbers.

It was gathered that the robbers blocked the highway about 1pm around Okada area and dispossessed drivers and commuters of their belongings and in the process killed the woman and the conductor.

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Witnesses said that after the robbers had left the road, commercial drivers blocked it around the Okada community to register their grievances and to draw government's attention to incessant robberies on the road.

The blockage created gridlock on the busy road for several hours, trapping thousands of travellers.

One Johnson Saliu, who transports newspapers from Lagos to Benin, said he was caught up in the traffic. "I left Lagos by 1:15pm and arrived the spot about 3:30pm. All the newspapers coming from Lagos to Benin and some other places were trapped in the traffic," he said.

The Edo State police commissioner, Haliru Gwandu, said one person died in the incident. He said the hoodlums who came from the bush shot the windscreen of the bus and wounded the conductor who later died in the hospital.

"Apart from the conductor who lost his life, others are okay," he said.



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