Gunmen kill 1, abduct 7 on Benin-Lagos Road

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Kidnappers yesterday killed a passenger around the Okada area on the Benin-Lagos Road.

Seven other people, said to have been kidnapped, were later rescued by officers of the Edo State Police Command.

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It was gathered that the incident happened when a mini bus was hijacked by the gunmen.

A relative of one of the victims disclosed that the bus took off from Ajah, Lagos State and was heading for Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, when it ran into the armed men who laid siege on the highway, robbing and kidnapping travellers.

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The Edo State Commissioner of Police, DanMallam Muhammed, confirmed the incident.

He said the passenger died "during an escape bid when they were being moved into the forest by the suspected kidnappers."

"The police were able to rescue the victims unhurt, but unfortunately one of the passengers, who tried to escape during the abduction, was killed by the gunmen. The police went after the kidnappers in the bush and succeeded in rescuing the victims," he said.

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