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Gunmen abduct Chinese nationals, kill security detail in Edo

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Two Chinese nationals working with a glass and aluminium company in Benin, the Edo State capital, have been abducted by gunmen.

It was gathered that a police personnel attached to them was killed during the kidnap operation.

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It was further gathered that the victims were abducted on Wednesday evening at Utesi community (a suburb of Benin) on the Benin-Auchi road, where their company is located.

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The victims were said to be on their way home when the gunmen blocked their vehicle and abducted them after killing the police officer attached to them.

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A source who spoke with our reporter in confidence, said, “As soon as the victims came out of the company, the gunmen who apparently have been waiting for them, started trailing them.”

The source said the gunmen killed the security officer attached to the victims while shooting sporadically before abducting the victims.

When contacted, the Edo State Commissioner of Police, Dan Mallam Muhammed, confirmed the incident.

He said, “Yes, the incident was reported to us yesterday (Wednesday). We are working hard to rescue them from the kidnappers.”

He also confirmed that the police personnel attached to the victims was killed during the process of abduction.

The commissioner assured that the perpetrators would be apprehended and brought to justice.

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