

Boko Haram Kills 7, Releases 3 In Borno

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Daily Trust gathered that the insurgents kidnapped the farmers while working on their fields at Rijiya Biyu, behind the University of Maiduguri last week Monday.

An old farmer, who was freed yesterday, said the insurgents bundled him and dropped him in a bush close to Maiduguri when he couldn't provide a number to contact for his ransom.

The farmer, who did not want his name mentioned, said "They killed seven people whose family delayed paying their ransom, and released two that paid.

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"When they asked me to pay, I told them I don't have anybody's number that can pay them ransom. After a few days, they blindfolded me and dropped me close to Maiduguri."

A father of a victim, Mr Solomon Kaleri, said his son was killed after he sent part of the ransom demanded from him.

"I was in Jos when my family called to tell me that my son and our neighbour were abducted on a farm behind UNIMAID, and the captives demanded N10 million ransom.

"They later called and gave a deadline, but by the time I raised some money to send, one old man that they had abducted together was released and he told us that our children were killed.

"Since then, the insurgents have stopped picking our calls," he said.