

I Witnessed A School Boy Butchered, Abuja Kidnapped Victim Narrates Ordeal

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A resident of the Federal Capital Territory, Rima Lotu, (Not her real name), kidnapped between Bwari and Dutse market in Bwari area council has narrated her harrowing experience in the hands of her abductors, saying she witnessed the butchering of a secondary school student who was abducted along with her.

In a WhatsApp voice note forwarded to our correspondent, the kidnapped victim she entered a green coloured taxi, from Bwari going to Dutse Market, unknown to her it was a “one chance” vehicle.

She added, “When we enter the vehicle, because the road was under construction, the place was so dusty, so the man (driver) was like, we want to pass the new road, we said okay no problem” that was how the car’s windows were wind up.”

Rima said when the boy and herself were picked at the junction, they “met three people in the vehicle, a woman and two men. One of the men dropped at a junction,” presumably from the front passenger seat then the driver asked that the woman from the back seat move to the front passenger seat for convince.

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Rima believes it was at that moment that the woman sprayed a sedative substance at the back seat, causing them to sleep.

Lotu said she became suspicious when she started feeling uncomfortable and asked the driver to wind down but he pretended to be busy chatting with the woman in the front passengers’ seat.

She said, “By this time the school boy and another student picked from Veritas University had all slept.

She narrated that she planned to raise alarm at a checkpoint ahead of them but on getting to the check point there was no one there, not even people selling by road.

“After we passed Ushafa that was the last thing I remember.

“It took prayers and donations from friends and family to secure my release after ransom was paid.

“Some people are still there waiting to be slaughtered, that place is like a camp, they even prefer to butcher people and sell because they feel that one would give them more money than ransom,” she said.

Recalling how the school boy was killed, she said “Each time I close my eyes, I will be seeing that scene, they killed him, they cut him like meat...since his people could not provide money.”

According to Rima, when the kidnappers contacted his parent, the mother said she didn’t have money, moreover she didn’t believe her son was abducted as she has spoken to him earlier. He was coming home from the boarding house where he was schooling to treat an illness.

According to recent media report, at least 12 people were reportedly killed and 139 others abducted when bandits and robbers attacked some communities in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) in the last six months.

From April to September, available statistics show that not less than 22 communities, cutting across the six area councils, were attacked with the victims paying N126million as ransom.