

Robbers Attack Luxury Bus In Owo

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• Kill Pregnant Woman, Two Others

Armed robbers on Monday attacked a Lagos-bound luxury bus in Owo in Ondo State. They dispossessed passengers of their belongings, including cash.

The armed robbers also killed three of the passengers, including a pregnant woman.

According to a source at

the Ondo State Police Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) in Akure, the incident happened about 4:30 a.m. He added that the vehicle was returning from Kano.

The source also confirmed that the robbers killed three persons. It was learnt that the pregnant woman died on

her way to the hospital.

"The robbers were there for more than 30 minutes, according to the driver of the bus. Because the robbers collected their phones from them, they could not make any phone call to anybody, who could have perhaps contacted the police," the source said.

One of the victims, who

spoke with *Daily Independent* in Lagos, said the robbers used big stones to block the road, forcing their bus to slow down.

"As our driver tried to slow down, what we heard were gunshots and the two front tyres were deflated, that forced the vehicle to stop. The hoodlums ran-

sacked the bus, collecting money and handsets from passengers," he said.

The victim, who gave his name as Daniel Ukah, said he is a Lagos-based trader but went on a business trip to Kano.

He disclosed that the passengers had earlier asked the driver to wait at a safe place along the road till 5 a.m. since Owo has become notorious for armed robbery but the driver ignored their request.

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