

Suspected Kidnappers Kill Soldier In Kogi

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Lokoja – Unnamed military personnel reportedly lost his life when suspected kidnappers engaged soldiers in a bloody shoot-out at Okene in Kogi State.

DAILY INDEPENDENT gathered that the incident occurred yesterday at a check-point along Okene-Ajaokuta road, when the soldier was abducted and ransom demanded for his release.

A witness further disclosed that when the suspected kidnappers saw the man and the soldiers, they opened gun fire on Military men which led to the death of the young officer and three suspected kidnappers.

The victims an oil mogul and Chairman / Chief Executive Officer of Always Petroleum & Gas Limited, Alhaji Otinau Momohjimoh was shot on his arms, but currently receiving treatment in one of the private hospital in Okene.

The oil mogul was kidnapped ten days ago in Okene at about 8pm when some suspected kidnappers fully armed abducted him in Okene.

During the exercise, one of the suspected kidnappers was captured alive.

The source further disclosed that the late young officer who just got married some months ago later died in the hospital while the rescue man who was injured during the operation was currently receiving treatment.

Items recovered from the kidnappers' hide out include Charms and ammunition while the lifeless body of the late young officer was deposited in a mortuary in Okene general hospital.

"Exercise Cat Race" was launched in Benue State last week by the Chief of Army Staff, Lt. General. Tukur Buratai as a measure to check worsening security situation in six states in the north central of the country.

When newsmen called on the Public Relations Officer of the Command Army Record, Captain Weri Finikumor said the operation was ongoing stressing that he cannot confirmed anything yet but at the end of the exercise they will address the press.