

The mother of the girl, who gave her name as Onyekachi, said she

It was learnt that the chieftains of the union were attacked when their

escort had shot into the air, apparently scare the hoodlums

Hijacked Rivers passenger bus: Two bodies recovered, six missing, 8 rescued

TWO of the 16 passengers on board a commercial bus that was hijacked by unknown gunmen in Rivers State on Thursday are dead.

Their bodies were found yesterday following the recovery of the bus by policemen.

Eight other passengers were rescued alive while six are missing, spokesman for the State Police Command, Nnamdi Omoni, said yesterday.

The bus was on its way to Port Harcourt from Owerri, Imo state

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when armed hoodlums hijacked it at Elele-Omarelu in Ikwerre Local Government Area of Rivers State.

Omoni said: "The Police have rescued the kidnap victims and recovered the bus they were travelling in.

" They were rescued at the early hours of today (yesterday). However dead bodies of two of the passengers were recovered, six are still with them, but eight

of them were rescued alive."

The command also regretted the 'unfortunate' death of a Catholic priest that was abducted by the criminals before he could be rescued.

The reverend father was kidnapped two weeks ago.

His body was abandoned by his abductors.

The police said that the abductors might have collected ransom from the family before killing him.