Kidnappers seize bank manager in Yola, kill eyewitness



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Gunmen have taken away the manager of a bank in Yola after killing a Keke NAPEP (tricycle) operator who witnessed the act and tried to draw attention to it.

A source said the gunmen were on the trail of the manager of the Yola branch of the Bank of Agriculture, Ahmed Inuwa, who was in his farm on Yola-Bole Road, Yola South Local Government Area of the state on Tuesday when the incident occurred.

"When the gunmen struck the farm, an unknown Keke NAPEP operator tried to raise the alarm to attract people, but the gunmen immediately opened fire on him, leading to his death," the source said.

The source added that after killing the Keke NAPEP operator, the gunmen whisked the bank manager away.

His abductors later called to demand N5 million ransom, but after some negotiations, the ransom was reduced to N1.5 million.

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At press time, negotiation was still on for further reduction of the sum demanded, according to a family source.

The source said: "We were able to beat the price tag to N1.5 million while further negotiations are still going on as family members, friends and colleagues task themselves to produce the money."

The State Police Command confirmed the kidnapping but said nothing about the ransom demanded or the negotiations.

The Police Public Relations Officer of the Command, Sulaiman Yahaya, said the command was pursuing the kidnappers with the aim of arresting them and rescuing the bank manager.

