

Kidnappers kill farmer in Ondo, accuse wife of delaying ransom payment

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KIDNAPPERS have killed a 40-year-old cocoa farmer identified as Akinola Akinnibinu over delayed ransom payment.

They killed their victim and applied chemical on his corpse.

The corpse was discovered four days later.

It was gathered that the kidnappers abducted Akinola on his farm at Oko Oparun, Ondo East Local Government Area and demanded payment of N700,000 ransom.

The deceased was said to have called his wife and directed her to collect N700,000 from POS machine and bring it to the farm.

Sources said the kidnappers called the victim's wife to send the money to an Opay account number.

The wife alerted Amotekun Corps and other villagers but the kidnappers had disappeared before getting to the scene.

The wife said: "My husband left the house in the morning to his farm. He later called me to collect money from the POS near our house.

"I asked him what he wanted to use the money for, he said I should bring it that he would tell me when I got to the farm.

"Later, some men used my husband's number to call me to send the money to an Opay account. They called again that they did not see the money and I told them that I had sent it.

"They asked me to come to the farm. I was scared and I alerted Amotekun and other villagers.

"As I was coming with people, they called and said since I had alerted people, I would see.

"On getting to the place, I did not see them and we left, not until yesterday when villagers called that they saw a dead body that was covered with bamboo leaves and there was chemical all over the body.

"It was my husband's body."

Police sources said men from the Igba Division were deployed to the scene where they managed to retrieve the corpse which was deposited at the General Hospital mortuary in Ondo town.