Kidnappers kill two, abduct passengers in Ondo



Gunmen suspected to be kidnappers have abducted several passengers after killing a commercial driver and a female passenger.

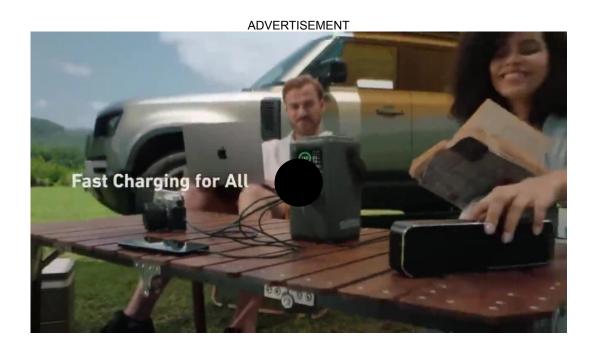
The incident happened at Legbeka community, Ose Local Government.

A witness said the gunmen took over a checkpoint along the Akure-Benin highway after policemen stationed at the place left.

The witness said the driver thought the gunmen were policemen but realised too late after he had approached them.

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The witness said: "The criminals were at the police checkpoint. The driver thought they were policemen. It was when he attempted to reverse that they shot him and the passenger. He was shot in the head."



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It was gathered that a serving Corps member was among the passengers who were whisked away.
Two passengers were said to have escaped with injuries.
Another source said the vehicle was coming from Anambra State and heading towards Akure.
Ondo Police spokesman, SP Fumilayo Odunlami-Omisanyan, said policemen have been deployed to comb the forest to ensure the release of the victims.