

# Three killed, many kidnapped in Benue bus attack



Hoodlums, Thursday, attacked a commercial bus belonging to **Benue Links Nigeria Limited**, killing three passengers and kidnapping an unspecified number of persons said to be travelling towards the East on Thursday.

A child of between 5 and 7 was said to have been abandoned by the kidnappers, while the driver of the 18-seater bus, Samuel Agege, was shot dead at the spot.

The incident took place on Makurdi-Enugu highway, at a place called Ikobi, near Benue Burnt Bricks Company in Otukpo, on Thursday.

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The Information Officer of Benue Links Nigeria Limited, Mr. Johnson Ehi Daniel, confirmed the incident and said the company is collaborating with security agencies to secure the release of those kidnapped and appealed for calm.

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Daniel also said three passengers managed to escape.

“The management of Benue Links Nigeria Limited extends its deepest condolences to the families of the deceased and stands in solidarity with those whose loved ones remain in captivity. We assure the general public that we are in constant communication with security agencies who are making concerted efforts to rescue the abducted passengers.”

The Benue State Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Kate Aneene, confirmed the incident and said more details would be provided.