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JUST IN: Gunmen kill one, abduct businesswoman in Ondo community



Armed men suspected to be kidnappers have killed a man and abducted a businesswoman in Ayede Ogbese, Akure North Local Government Area of Ondo State, The Nation has learnt.

The victim, identified as Okudili Okoro, 34, was shot dead on Thursday night when the attackers stormed the community to abduct Mrs Orogun, a popular provisions store owner.

According to local sources, the incident happened around 10:30 p.m. when the assailants, numbering about ten, arrived in two unregistered vehicles and began shooting sporadically before seizing their target.

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"It was a sad incident. They came in two vehicles to kidnap two women who sell provisions and cosmetics. Unfortunately, in the process, they shot Okoro dead and whisked away Mrs. Orogun," a resident, who pleaded anonymity, told our reporter.

It was gathered that the gunmen reportedly escaped through the Akure/Owo road with the victim, bypassing the military and multiple security checkpoints.

When contacted, the Ondo State Police Command spokesperson, Olayinka Ayanlade, confirmed the killing and abduction.

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Ayanlade said the gunmen fled in two unregistered vehicles – a silver EOD car headed toward Akure and a grey Toyota Camry headed toward Owo.

He said the State Commissioner of Police, Adebowale Lawal, visited the crime scene on Friday and ordered all tactical commanders to ensure Mrs. Orogun is rescued unharmed, and the perpetrators brought to justice.

“We urge the good people of Ondo State to cooperate with us. Anyone with relevant information should please come forward,” Ayanlade appealed.

The Nation reports that the latest attack and abduction case comes barely two weeks after Omoniyi Eleyinmi, a staff member of Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko (AAUA), was kidnapped by a seven-man gang and released after his family paid a N5 million ransom.

Police later arrested the suspects, including a commercial motorcyclist, Benson Alaba, who allegedly facilitated the abduction.

Others arrested are Wasiu Ogungbemi (42), Audu Shaibu (25), Ismaila Abdullahi (24), Nuru Bature (18), Usman Baba (20), and Yusuf Muhammed (23).

