

# Gunmen kill policeman, kidnap expatriate in Edo

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**G**UNMEN on Monday evening struck at Idegun in Etsako West Local Government Area of Edo State and abducted an expatriate working for a construction company in the area.

This abduction came less than a year after an expa-

triate working with another construction company was abducted at Ahor, on the Benin bypass.

The foreign supervisor of Agbede/Anwain Road, a project of the state government, was reportedly kidnapped after the mobile policeman assigned to guard him was killed by the gunmen close to a secondary school in the area.

An eyewitness who would not want his name in print explained that the incident occurred during an inspection of the road by the expatriate.

The gunmen, who were about five in number, were said to have suddenly emerged from the bush, killed the policeman and whisked the expatriate away.

The source said the kidnappers, who stormed the area on foot from neighbouring Uromi in Esan North East Local Government Area, disappeared into the bush with the expatriate after the operation.

He, however, said he could not tell if the gunmen were herdsmen or not.

The source added that the villagers, in collaboration

with local vigilante groups, immediately moved to the scene after the incident, combing the bush in an effort to rescue the expatriate.

The state police spokesperson, Kontongs Bello, when contacted, said he was yet to be briefed on the development.

He, however, said he would speak on the incident once he got the full details.