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Kano businessman's body found in Kogi forest after N6m ransom payment

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THE body of a 39-year-old Kano businessman, Yahaya Hassan Musa, who was abducted in Kogi State while returning from a business trip, has been found in a forest hours after his abductors received a N6 million ransom.

The victim was coming from Cotonou in Benin Republic when he was kidnapped in an area close to a forest around Mopa in Mopa/Amuro Local Government Area of Kogi State last week Thursday.

A source disclosed that the kidnappers contacted the businessman's family and demanded N10 mil-

lion ransom, before they reduced it to N6 million.

Narrating the incident, the late Yahaya's brother, Abubakar Hassan Musa, who took the N6 million to the kidnappers, said his brother usually travelled by air, but that on that fateful trip, he decided to return by road.

Abubakar said: "The kid-

nappers requested that I take the money to a forest in Kabba in Kogi State and I went there to deliver the money in cash.

"They then directed me to a place where I would meet him, but I did not find him there and I slept in the forest alone.

"The following day, I continued searching un-

til a woman who was kidnapped alongside my brother called me and said they killed him even before collecting the ransom, but that she didn't know where they dumped his body.

"I went back to the nearby town and hired hunters to search for the corpse.

"After trekking many kilometers, we found his decomposing corpse in the forest."

Abubakar said because they couldn't find a bus to convey his brother's decomposing corpse, they buried him in the bush according to Islamic rites after consulting the family in Kano.

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