

Body of killed driver of kidnapped Ekiti school children recovered

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THE body of Taiwo Olugbaye, who was killed in January by kidnappers in Emure-Ekiti, Emure Local Government Area of Ekiti State, has been recovered.

Nigerian Tribune had reported that the gunmen who kidnapped the school children and their teachers in Emure-Ekiti on January 29, killed the driver of the school bus few days after the abduction.

While the nine victims were released after reported payment of ransom, security agencies continued combing the forest for the corpse of the driver.

It was gathered that the corpse was recovered by a farmer in a forest in Eporo-Ekiti forest when he raised the alarm to security agencies.

Daughter of the deceased was subsequently invited and was able to identify her father with his clothes, undies and a ring in his left hand.

The daughter, Tosin, while speaking, said recovery of the body will give the family the opportunity to properly bury him.

Tosin expresses appreciation to the state government and security agencies for their efforts towards recovering her father's body.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Sunday Abutu, who confirmed the discovery, said it was a farmer who raised the alarm.

Abutu said: "I am urging citizens to be vigilant, report suspicious activities and share credible information that will help the police get rid of insecurity in the state and the country at large."