

# B3 Gunmen kill one, abduct seven on Sagamu-Ijebu Ode highway

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Seven travellers were abducted on Friday by suspected kidnappers on the Sagamu-Ijebu-Ode highway, leaving one dead.

The gunmen were reported to have ambushed the victims around Ceplast Industry and Iperu junction axis.

A victim in a viral audio video narrated how the suspected gunmen stopped vehicles and marched some people into the bush.

"This incident happened at past five in the evening; they [gunmen] were armed to the teeth with AK-47 rifles and shot sporadically.

"They even killed one

person who was inside a Lexus car. So, they marched about seven of us inside the bush and when I saw that they were speaking Hausa, I started speaking Hausa to them begging them not to kill me, so they asked if I was a northerner, but I said no, that I had once lived in Kebbi and Sokoto states.

"They kept taking us further inside the bush; later, they asked if I was having any money, so I gave them N103,000 and my phone. There was another driver from the East who said that the kidnappers had collected N120,000 from him just as we were abducted.

"They later set the two of

us free while other five people abducted were still with them," the victim narrated.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Omolola Odutola, confirmed the incident.

She said: "We have information that about seven persons with AK-47 rifles suddenly blocked the Benin-Sagamu expressway.

"The DPO of Ilisan, when he got to the scene, saw two vehicles with bullet holes; a Lexus jeep 300, the driver's name is Chilaka Lugard and another Lexus Jeep 350 belonging to Kingsley Chineme.

"Inside this Lexus 350 car was found a cross bag with N113,000, two iPhones; an

iPhone six and iPhone 11 Pro-max.

"There was also a corpse of an unidentified man who was shot in the head.

"The third vehicle was loaded with plantains and the driver, who was among those abducted but has regained freedom, was later allowed to go with the vehicle. The other Lexus vehicles have been taken to Ilishan police station."

Odutola said the Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Alamu, had in an emergency meeting summoned on Monday, directed the tactical commanders and the mobile squadron to go after the hoodlums.