

② Kidnappers kill teenager, release two victims after collecting N10m ransom in Ekiti

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GUNMEN who kidnapped three travellers in Ekiti state, have killed one of the victims and released others, after collecting N10 million ransom.

Nigerian Tribune had reported that the three victims were kidnapped at a bad spot around Oyimo river, along Emure-Eporo road in the Emure local government area of the state last Saturday.

The driver of the car they were traveling in, who happened to be the husband of one of the captives, was shot dead in the process.

It was gathered on Thursday that the wife of the deceased and one other were released around 1am, after payment of N10 million ransom, from the initial N30 million demanded by the gunmen.

A source who spoke to the victims told our correspondent that the daughter of one of the victims was reportedly raped and killed by the kidnappers.

The source said, "The kidnappers made them walk for 24 hours non-stop without food or water. The young girl, who had been raped several times, became too weak to continue and was subsequently killed by the kidnappers.

"The families were able to raise N10m, which was delivered at a spot on the Owo-Ikare-Benin road in Owo, Ondo State. The two other captives were later released around 1:30 am on Thursday in Owo.

"Efforts are reportedly underway to locate the body of the young girl, identified as Shile, who just completed her secondary school education."

The secretary of Emure Progressives Association (EPA), Niyi Awopetu, confirmed the release of the victims, saying "two people were released at midnight, but a girl among them was killed. I learnt the kidnappers collected N10m ransom."