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# Four Chinese nationals abducted, soldier killed, police escort shot in Kogi community

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**T**WO weeks after three policemen and two vigilantes were killed in Yagba West Local Government Area by some bandits, four Chinese nationals engaging in mining

activities at Ofili community in the same local government have been abducted by gunmen.

According to residents of the area, the gunmen abducted the Chinese during an ambush on Friday evening, while a yet-to-be-identified soldier was

reportedly killed. A mobile police officer who was attached to the Chinese was also said to have been shot.

A source in the community said: "The Chinese nationals were ambushed and taken away. One of the policemen attached to them

was also shot. One of the soldiers deployed to the area to ensure security of lives and property was also killed.

"He called on the military, particularly the men of the Operation Forward Base, and other security agencies in the state to come to their

rescue.

"We are now living in fear. We cannot sleep in our homes, and we can no longer go to our farms. We want the government and security agents to come to our aid."

When contacted, the Pub-

lic Relations Officer of the state police command, SP William Ovyie Aya, who said he could not immediately confirm the incident, promised to get back to Sunday Tribune. He did not get back at the time of filing this report.

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