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house-to-house search for illegal arms, advised criminals to submit their ammunition to the command.

They were said to have gone to different prayer mountains and sought medical help.

The babies

Nonso told our correspondent that throughout

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their waiting, he ensured no one pressurised his wife or

we brought out four babies. It was a miracle. We have been praying to God for one or two, but he chose to shock us with four," he said.

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Herdsmen kidnap Oyo businesswoman, kill fiancé

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A businesswoman. Modupeoluwa Oyetoso, has been mourning the death of her fiancé, who was shot by suspected herdsmen at the Lanlete area of the Ife Local Government Area of Oyo State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the lovers were returning from the farm when the four suspects waylaid them around 5pm.

While the fiancé was attempting to manoeuvre his way to escape the attack, one of the gunmen reportedly shot him.

"The bullet hit my fiancé at the back of his head. I didn't know what to do, as the blood was rushing out of his head. I thought I could save him, so I attempted applying pressure to stop the blood, but I couldn't do it because the car, which was still in motion, was about to hit a tree," Oyetoso said during an interview with @runnigfiles on Youtube.

After managing to stop the vehicle, the assailants reportedly caught up with the businesswoman, whisked her away into a nearby forest and abandoned her fiancé for dead.

While in the forest, Oyetoso explained that the suspects "brought out a rope, tied my hands and one of them used the rope to pull me, while another one at the back was hitting me anytime I slowed down as we were running to leave the scene. When I slumped, they beat me and pulled me up. I had to summon the strength to run with them as it was raining."

PUNCH Metro was told that when the suspects got to a safe location, they instructed Oyetoso to contact her parents and demanded ₦50m for her release.

She said, "When we got to a place, they brought out my fiancé's phone, removed his SIM card, inserted it into another phone and asked me to call my parents to inform them that they wanted ₦50m for my release."

"My dad started pleading with them and they told him that if he wanted to see me alive, he should find it. They spoke with him in Yoruba, but they communicated with themselves using another language."

"I farm in a place where we have a lot of Fulani settlers; I am familiar with them. They (suspects) were dressed like them, so, I know they were



Oyetoso

Fulani. In the forest, they told me they don't have cattle and that the only thing they do is to kidnap for money. They said next time I see robbers, I should stop instead of running because what they want is just money. One of them even told me to take what happened as fate and at that point, I realised that they were thinking about my fiancé.

The rain started and ended while we were in the forest. There was no shelter, and when we got to a particular point, there was a river and the

current was heavy. One of them went through it first; I was shorter than them and when they told me to come around, I was really scared. My hands were tied, as I walked through the river and one of them just held on to the rope and pulled me as I passed through the river to get to the other side."

When Oyetoso's parents were not forthcoming with the ransom the next day, the suspects reportedly threatened to kill and sell her body parts.

"My dad kept begging them that it was a Saturday and no

one keeps cash in the house. He explained to them that he was retired and did not know how he could raise the money and one of them shot in my direction because he felt my dad was taking them for a ride. They said if they did not get the money, they would kill me and get buyers for the body parts."

"My dad got to Eruwa around 9pm; he called them and three of them went to meet him and they left me with one of them. They told him to go to three different locations before they told him to drop the money somewhere; they wanted to know if he was being followed."

"After dropping the money, they told him to move ahead and after picking the money, they called the guy with me to bring me. While on the way to meet my dad, I met them counting the money. It took me about 15 minutes to get to my dad," she added.

However, in a series of tweets, which was reposted on Instabloggia, Oyetoso decried the state of insecurity in the Lanlete area, adding that two people were kidnapped a few days after she was released.

Using her Twitter handle @Doopeh, she wrote, "The Ibadan branch of the poultry association of Nigeria reported that more than 10 of their members have been victims within the past five months. Our story needs to come out, because there is so much that isn't said about kidnapping."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, George Fadeyi said, "Prior to the incident, we had massive deployments of police tactical teams on the routes. Several arrests have been made with suspects paraded and charged

for kidnappings, armed robberies, among others.

"We also have collaborations with quasi-security groups, including vigilantes and hunters, to comb the bushes around the area. Stakeholders' meetings have also been organised in that area."

Rivers widow: G

Sampson Itode and Dennis Naku

A civil society organisation in Rivers State, Human Rights Advocates, has alleged that the policemen accused of raping a 23-year-old widow have resumed their normal duties.

The group said the development was shocking given the fact that the Rivers State Police Command told the public that the accused cops were in detention at the State Criminal Investigation Department in Port Harcourt.

The rights group added that the revelation suggested that the police had exonerated the accused officers, even when it had yet to conclude investigations.

Speaking on behalf of the organisation, Prince Wiro said the accused police inspector, Peter Ibah, and his team were sighted at the checkpoint where they allegedly arrested the widow for not using a face mask while travelling.

He said, "We heard that Inspector Peter Ibah and his team had resumed duty at the same checkpoint around Saakpenwaa Junction. We immediately drove through the place and saw them working. It was when they noticed us