

Gunmen invade Ajaokuta train station, kill one, abduct 10, demand N20m

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GUNMEN on Monday invaded the Ajaokuta Rail Station, kidnapped 10 people and killed one person.

Ajaokuta is in the Kogi Central Senatorial District.

Sources, who identified the deceased as Dennis, told

our correspondent that the incident happened around 2 pm.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the late Dennis was on his way to pick his boss from work when he was killed.

The hoodlums, who came in a commando-style, reportedly whisked away their victims to an unknown destination.

A source said the kidnappers later contacted one of their victims' families and demanded a ransom of N20m.

A resident, Dele Ajala, said, "The kidnap has plunged the victims' families into sorrow. This just goes to show how insecure the country is. There is a need to reinforce the state with adequate police

officers to counter this problem. Robbery and kidnapping have become serious business in this country."

The Kogi State Police Public Relations Officer, William Aya, said the command had yet to be briefed about the incident.

He, however, promised to reach out to our correspondent after getting information on the incident.