

Kidnap victim dies in hospital after regaining freedom

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TRAGEDY struck at Ekorinim community in Calabar, Cross River State, as one of the kidnap victims, Deacon Kenneth Ekeanyanwu, died in the early hours of yesterday.

The late Ekeanyanwu, died at the Navy Hospital in Calabar 13 days after he was released from the kidnapers' den.

Daily Sun gathered that the late Managing Director of Day-break Bakery and company, was abducted on May 6, 2016 by gunmen and released on May 11, 2016 after the family had paid N10 million ransom.

But shortly after his release, he was rushed to Bakor Medical Centre for treatment following the injuries he sustained in the hands of his abductors.

A family source who confided in Daily Sun said Mr Ekeanyanwu died on Tuesday, at Navy Hospital where he was taken for treatment after he was released.

The source, who spoke under the condition of anonymity said, "Mr Kenneth Ekeanyanwu who was recently released by kidnappers gave up the ghost at the Navy Hospital in Calabar few days after his release.

"Since his release on May 11, 2016, he has not went home due to the injuries he sustained during his sojourn in the kidnappers den. First, he was taken to Bakor Clinic and when the condition became worse, he was rushed to Navy Hospital where he died."

When Daily Sun visited his bakery office at Chamley Street in Calabar South, it was under lock and key.

One of the workers, who identified himself as Emmah said: "It has not been easy for us here even after they collected that huge money from him, they still beat him up badly, since they released him, he has been in the hospital and died in the early hours of today."

"We are in a state of uncertainty, because we don't know our fate everyone here is devastated because Oga Ken was a very nice man, but very prudent in financial management which has kept us in the market," he said.

Reacting to the development President General, Igbo Community in Cross River State, Chief Albert Enya, said the demise of Mr Kenneth was unfortunate and that it is high time government took extreme measure to stop the menace.



• Suspected armed robber arrested by the Lagos State Police Command.