

# 6 abducted Niger students die in captivity

**SIX** abducted students of Salihu Tanko Islamiyya,

Tegina, Niger State, have been reported dead while in captivity.

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Egwuatu of the Federal High Court in Abuja had, on August 4, granted bail to the 12 associates of Sunday Igboho.

Delivering the ruling on the application filed by the 12 applicants before the court, the presiding Judge said, "It is clear that no charge has been brought against Sunday Igboho's aides since their arrest."

As such, the court held that detaining them without charging them contravenes the provisions of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act and their fundamental rights.

However, the DSS and its director general has filed an appeal before the Abuja division of the Court of Appeal against the ruling of the trial court.

The students were among the 136 kidnapped on May 30 from the Islamic school in Tegina, Rafi Local Government Area of the state.

The school Principal, Abubakar Alhassan, who made the disclosure, said the bandits called to notify him about the death of the students due to illness while they demanded quick payment of ransom for the release of the other children in captivity.

The bandits who initially demanded N110 million, later raised the ransom to N200 million.

The parents of the abducted children were reported to have paid N30 million to the bandits, but they refused to release the students.