

Kidnapper shot dead as police rescue 13 kidnapped victims

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A suspected kidnapper was shot dead while 13 passengers kidnapped along Abuja road in Isua-Akoko in Akoko Southeast local government area of Ondo State were rescued by combined team of security operatives in the state.

A source in Isua-Akoko said the victims were in an 18-passenger bus travelling to Abuja from Lagos when the hoodlums waylaid their bus and dragged them out of the bus and thereafter marched into the bush on Tuesday evening.

He said: "It was like a movie when an 13 passengers, Abuja bound bus was waylaid on Tuesday by some unknown gunmen at Isua the headquarters of Akoko South East Local Government and marched them to the forest leaving only three of the passengers."

It was learnt that security agencies, including the men from Amotekun Corps, the state commands of the police and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps as well as the soldiers, on getting the information immediately swung into

action and combed the forest where the victims were rescued.

The source said the victims were rescued at Ikakumo area in Akoko North-East Local Government Area a distance of almost 20 kilometers from Isua, where they were picked

A security source said: "The joint security agents immediately embarked on combing of the forest and their efforts yielded fruitful result when some of the abducted travelers were rescued during the joint operation."

ADF goes spiritual

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The Alaigbo Development Foundation (ADF) yesterday prayed for God to direct Abia State Governor Alex Otti to ensure good governance.

The group during the prayer session in Aba also prayed for the development of the South East.

New Telegraph reports that the prayer meeting brought together clergymen, captains of industries and others.

The Anglican Archbishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of Aba Most