

THISDAY checks revealed that the commissioner was kidnapped on Friday along Benin-Ekpoma road around Hartman Oil Palm Estate in Uhunmwode Local Government Area of the state.

An eye witness said the heavily armed men suddenly emerged from the bush and shot directly into Agbale's car which forced the driver to stop.

"They first killed the police orderly on the spot and abducted the commissioner to unknown destination", the witness said.

The State Police Command confirmed the incident yesterday, noting that the command has already put all machineries in motion to track those who kidnapped Agbale and would ensure that he is rescued unhurt.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Mr. Chidi Nwabuzor confirmed the attack on the commissioner in a conversation with THISDAY yesterday.

Before he was reappointed to the State Executive Council in 2019, Agbale was Commissioner for Education, Edo State, and also Chairman, Esan Central LGA.