Gunmen Kill Policeman, Abduct Four Chinese in Ogun

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The Police in Ogun State has deployed a team of special tactical unit to roads and forest in Odeda Local Government Area of the state in search, of four Chinese workers handling the Ibadan-Lagos federal government standard gauge railway project.

The four Chinese expatriates were abducted by unknown gunmen dressed in black caftan, numbering about eight on Wednesday while working on the rail project.

Numbering about eight and all clad in black caftan, the gunmen allegedly invaded Adeaga/Alaagba village, site of the railway project in Odeda Local Government Area, where they shot dead, a police Inspector before abducting the Chinese expatriates handling the Ibadan-Lagos standard gauge railway project.

It was learnt that the remains of the policeman had been evacuated by a team of police personnel and operatives of the Federal Road Sector Commission (FRSC). The Baale of Alaagba village, a border community between Ogun and Oyo states, Chief Adekunle Olabamiji, said some residents observed that fierce looking gunmen entered the forest in the direction of the location of the expatriates shortly before the abduction.

He said it was shocking because the railway workers were always guarded by policemen and soldiers.

The kidnappers were said to have seized their victims immediately after disarming the security men and headed to the forest with the Chinese rail workers.

It was learnt that members of the Oodua People's Congress (OPC) gave a hot chase to the kidnappers in the forest, searching the entire bush path in an attempt to apprehend the kidnappers and rescue the victims.

THISDAY also gathered that despite the efforts by the village youths, who mobilised OPC members into the forest, the kidnappers could not be traced as they disappeared with the Chinese expatriates.