

Suspected kidnappers kill Okada rider in Benin

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BENIN — A commercial bike rider popularly called Okada has been killed by suspected kidnappers while trying to raise alarm over the abduction of a businesswoman in Benin, Edo State.

The businesswoman, who was identified as Mrs. Elizabeth Egharevba, was abducted, weekend on Sapele Road opposite Bob Izua filling station during the burial service of her father.

Eyewitnesses said the Okada man, who was yet to be identified was shot

when he attempted to raise alarm about the abduction.

It was gathered that the victim went to buy some souvenirs to distribute to guests, who

graced her father's burial when the gunmen struck.

Family sources, said the kidnappers contacted husband of the victim, Mr. Sunday

Egharevba on Saturday evening and demanded a ransom of N200 million.

The source said the kidnappers called again on Sunday and reduced the ransom fee to N50 million

Oshiomhole tasks FG on modern gadgets for Police

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BENIN CITY — **G**OVERNOR Adams Oshiomhole of Edo State has called on the Federal Government to properly equip the police and other security agencies with modern equipment to tackle the new security challenges

facing the country.

Oshiomhole made the call, yesterday, during a courtesy visit by students of Course 34 of Command and Staff College, Jaji, to him at the Government House, Benin City.

He said: "Though the Federal Government

collects the lion share of 52.6 per cent of the Federation Account, we expect that it should fund the security agencies adequately. Even if I am not a security man, I know that these days, you need the right technology, and with the right technology, you need less manual effort and less guess work. These tools require