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Ondo regent, NYSC member, 3 others rescued from kidnappers' den

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AKURE — THE combined team of security operatives, yesterday, stormed the hideout of the kidnappers of the regent of Akungba area of Ondo State, Princess Oluwatoyin Omosowon, and rescued her and four others two weeks after she was abducted.

Two of the kidnappers were arrested, while their leader, nicknamed Federal, was shot dead when he attempted to wrestle a gun from the security operatives after his arrest in their hideout.

Others rescued included a National Youth Service Corps, NYSC, member Azuibike Ijeoma, an Indian, Alex T. J., a police officer, Obute Sunday and Aliu Abduljelili.

Vanguard gathered that they were rescued by a combined team of security agents at Igbonla village in Owo Local Government Area of state.

The regent was abducted on June 2 together with three of her aides, while returning from a public function on Ikare-Owo Expressway.

The rescued NYSC member said she boarded a vehicle from Abuja to Lagos after orientation camp, not knowing it was kidnappers' vehicle.

Speaking with newsmen after the victims met with Governor Olusegun Mimiko in Akure yesterday, Director, Department of State Services, Mr. Christian Ojobor, said all the victims, including the regent, were rescued from the kidnappers' den at about 5a.m. by his men and officers of the Nigeria Army.