



# Kidnappers kill Lagos-based pastor in Ondo after collecting N2m ransom

● Benue police rescue abducted 13-yr-old girl, arrest two suspects

By Dayo Johnson & Peter Duru

A 50-year-old Lagos-based clergyman, Frederick Aramuwa, abducted along Ipele to Idoani/Ifora road in Ondo State has been found dead after his family paid N2 million ransom to his kidnappers.

Vanguard gathered that the deceased left Lagos for his home town in Ifira Akoko, Ondo State with his driver for the Easter festivity.

He was declared missing when he did not arrive his home town as expected by his family members, who had to contact other family members in Lagos.

A report had it that they were informed that he left Lagos on March 31.

While a search party was raised by the family members, the abductors opened a line of communication with them and demanded N10 million ransom.

Vanguard learned that the family bargained for N2 million, which was delivered to the kidnappers at a particular place in Akoko.

But surprisingly, the corpse of the pastor was recovered where they told the family that they would find the victim. His remains had since been deposited at General Hospital in Ipe Akoko by the family.

Vanguard gathered that the deceased clergyman was survived by aged parents. His octogenarian father, according to a report, is the oldest man in his Ifira community while the mother, who is 80 years, lived with him in Lagos.

The Asiwaju of Ifira Akoko, Chief Boboye Ojomo, described the incident as sorrowful and tragic.

Ojomo said it is very sorrowful and tragic when one considers the personality of the late pastor in the town and the aged parents left behind.

He, therefore, appealed to the state government to intensify efforts to rehabilitate the deplorable Orita Ipele-Ifoani-Ifora Akoko road.

According to him, the bad road "gives room for kidnappers to operate freely and security men should be deployed to the route."

Contacted the state police command image maker, Tee Leo Ikoro, who, confirmed the death of the clergyman, said other persons kidnapped the same day the clergyman was abducted were rescued by police detectives.

He described his death as unfortunate, adding that police would soon apprehend his killers and bring them to book.

The police spokesperson, who said investigations into the murder of the clergyman continues, assured members of the public that the command would make the state too hot for criminally-minded elements.

kidnapped, a distress call was immediately put to the Operation Zenda patrol team, who trailed the abductors to their hideout and rescued the victim the same day unhurt.

He said two suspects, Vershima Sunday of Mbawer community,

Nanev in Kwande LGA and Grace Yaaor, were arrested in connection with the abduction.

According to the source, "when the Operation Zenda team invaded the hideout of the gang, they were confronted by the gang members, who engaged them in a gun battle."

"The team overpowered the criminals and rescued the victim. One of the suspects identified as Vershima Sunday was arrested, while four others escaped with bullet wounds."

"Also, one lady identified as Grace Yaaor was arrested for concealing information that could lead to the arrest of the kidnap suspects while one motorcycle suspected to have been used by the hoodlum was recovered by the police."

## My wife too old, no longer attractive

● Says man arrested for defiling his 12-yr-old daughter

By James Ogunnaike

**ABEOKUTA** — A 49-year-old man, Ubong Akpan, who claimed his wife was becoming old and took to sleeping with his daughter, has been arrested.

The suspect was arrested Friday by men of the Ogun State Police Command for having unlawful carnal knowledge of his 12-year-old daughter (name withheld).

The suspect, according to the command spokesman, Abimbola Oyeyemi, was arrested following a report lodged at Itele Ota Divisional Headquarters by the victim.

She reported that her father has been abusing her sexually since she was seven years old and when she could no longer



Akpan, the suspect.

bear it, she decided to complain to the police.

Oyeyemi said: "Upon the

report, the DPO, Itele Ota Division, CSP Monday Unoegbe, detailed his detectives to the scene where the suspect was arrested.

"On interrogation, he confessed to the commission of the crime, claiming that his wife is appearing too old, and she is no longer looking attractive to him."

Meanwhile, the state Commissioner of Police, Edward Ajogun, has ordered the immediate transfer of the case to the family support unit of Ota Area Command for further investigation and prosecution.

He also directed that the victim be taken to the General Hospital for proper medical treatment.

## 2 killed as police rescue 6 kidnapped passengers in Delta

By Festus Ahon & Ochuko Akuopha

**UGHELLI** — POLICE in Delta State command has confirmed the killing of the driver and female passenger of a Toyota Sienna bus by kidnappers armed with AK-47 along Okutolo Warri-Sapele Road, Okpe Local Government Area, Delta State.

Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, Mr Bright Edeaf, who confirmed this in a statement, said six passengers were rescued during the incident.

The statement read: "On April 3, 2021, at about 1945hrs, information got the DPO, Orerokpe Division, that a Toyota Sienna bus with number plate, BWR 301 SEI, was attacked by hoodlums armed with AK-47 rifles at Okutolo Warri-Sapele road. "They shot and injured the

driver, while a woman and other passengers were dragged into the bush. The DPO, SP Ojo Oluwole, swiftly mobilised patrol teams, assisted by a military patrol team to the scene and they went after the kidnappers into the forest.

"The men did not relent as they gave the kidnappers a hot chase. The hoodlums who could no longer withstand the pressure quickly abandoned the kidnapped victims and fled."

"The patrol teams successfully rescued the six kidnapped passengers, which include Edoma Rita, Evelyn Chinwekwe, Believe Omoruyi, Linus Kojo, Idolo Christina and Ojemudia Esther, an injured passenger, was rushed to the hospital but was later confirmed dead on admission. Her corpse and that of the driver were

deposited in a mortuary.

"Expended shells of 7.62, 39mm ammunition were recovered from the scene. Manhunt for the arrest of the hoodlums is ongoing."

"Also on 3 April 2021 at about 1745 hours, a distress call was received by the DPO, 'A' Division, Ughelli from one Chief Voke Oshasha that he suspected a Highlander SUV trailing him along Oniemo Street."

"The Divisional Police Officer, CSP Benjamin Igometi, swiftly led patrol teams to that area. The hoodlums, on sighting the police patrol vehicle approaching them, quickly abandoned their mission to assassinate him and fled into the bush."

"However, the victim sustained bullet wound but not life-threatening, the DPO rushed him to hospital where he is responding to treatment."

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Meanwhile, a 13-year-old girl, Mngusuor Iorlian, abducted by unknown gunmen from her father's residence on Easter Sunday opposite NKST Church, Akpera in Adikpo town, Kwande Local Government Area of Benue State, has been rescued.

She was rescued by Operation Zenda team of the Benue State Police Command.

A source said after the girl was

## Alleged killing: Kwara NSCDC nabs 4 suspects

**THE** Kwara Command of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps, NSCDC, has arrested four suspects over alleged killing of one Ayisat Sanni at Esie in Irepodun Local Government Area of the state.

The suspects, whose names were given as Adams Sodiq, Rasaaq Rasheed, Lukman Quadri and Biliaminu Qayum, were nabbed in connection

with the murder of the deceased.

The arresting officer, Babatunde Azeez, said the deceased was reported missing on April 2 by Musa Waziri.

However, the missing woman's corpse was later discovered in the bush on April 3, half naked with machete cuts on her body.

Azeez said the suspects were arrested in connection with the murder of the woman by the search team of NSCDC, Vigilante Group and the police.

He added that the first suspect's clothes was full of blood stains.

The NSCDC officer said the suspects would be charged to court after the conclusion of investigation.