

recovery of the car

Kidnappers demand N10m for 2 Chinese abducted in Osun as shot guard dies

By Shina Abubakar

OSOGBO—Abductors of the Chinese miners from a gold mining site located at Okepa/Itikan village, Ifewara, Atakumosa West Local Government Area on Monday are reportedly demanding N10 million ransom.

Vanguard had reported that Messrs Zhao Jian, 33, and Wen, 50, were kidnapped by gunmen, who invaded the mining site after shooting two of the private guards at the site.

Police spokesperson in Osun State, Yemisi Opalola, revealed this yesterday while featuring on a private radio station, *Rave FM* talk show in Osogbo.

She added that the police and other security agents have launched a search and rescue mission into the forest around the villages in the area to secure the release of the two expatriates.

Her words: "We are still trailing the kidnappers, we have not ascertained their identities. But I assure the public that immediately we arrest them we will make their identities known."

"Those kidnappers are demanding ransom and we are still working on ways to rescue the two Chinese expatriates and we will eventually get them released. Since they were abducted by the gunmen, the police, its Tactical section, the Hunters Group of Nigeria, the Joint Task Force (JTF) and the local securities are in the forest trying to locate and rescue the victims."

"The kidnappers have asked for

N10 million for the release of the two Chinese expatriates."

Shot guard dies

Meanwhile, Opalola in a chat with journalists confirmed that one of the injured local guards shot by the kidnappers has died in the hospital.

The guard, a hunter, was said to have been shot after the gunmen

had removed the local bulletproof on him.

According to a source, the local guards engaged the kidnappers in a gun battle for over 30 minutes. But they eventually ran out of bullets and one of them was caught. He was tied to a tree, his local bullet proof removed and was shot several times.

5 Ondo varsity lecturer found dead in his car

By Dayo Johnson

AKURE—A lecturer in the Department of Earth Sciences in Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko, Ondo state, Dr Olatunde Adegbuyi, was reportedly found dead in his car.

The cause of his death remained unknown at press time.

Sources in the university, however, told the *Vanguard* that the late Adegbuyi, who recently retired from the institution, was engaged on contract.

Vanguard gathered that residents noticed his lifeless body in the car parked along the university's permanent site road in Akungba. He was said to be hale and hearty when he was seen yesterday morning before his demise.

A source told newsmen: "It was a passer-by that first saw him and noticed that he was in the car while

his head had dropped and was not moving.

"The person quickly raised the alarm to call attention of the other residents. On getting there it was discovered that the lecturer has 'gone'."

Spokesperson of the state police command, Tee-Leo Ikoro, confirmed the death of the university lecturer, saying investigation had commenced into the matter.

According to him "when our men got there, it was discovered that there was no sign that the deceased was touched. It is the doctor's report that could reveal the actual cause of his death. The deceased was over 70 years old."

Contacted, Head of Media and Protocol of AAUA, Victor Akinpelumi, also confirmed the development, saying the deceased was a lecturer in the university having retired recently.

He said the university management had commiserated with his family.