

12-year-old groundnut seller kidnapped in Ondo

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By Dayo Johnson

AKURE—A 12-year-old groundnut seller, Abibat Saani, has been kidnapped in Ofosu, Ore in Odigbo council area of Ondo State.

Her whereabouts remained unknown after she was abducted over 12 days ago while hawking groundnuts in the neighbourhood.

A family source said her abductor has not opened a line of communication with them, thereby raising anxiety.

Narrating her ordeal, the mother of the victim, Aisha Saani, said her daughter went to hawk groundnuts as usual, but her whereabouts have not been known since that day she left the house.

Aisha said: "My daughter was hawking groundnut when a bike man stopped her close to our house. He told her there was a ceremony at the next street called Olobesere, where they needed groundnuts.

"The man told her to send somebody home to tell me to prepare more groundnuts and my daughter followed him.

"It was the person that my daughter sent home who informed us that one bike man took her away and since then we have been looking for her."

The mother of the victim said she has reported the case to the state security outfit, codenamed Amotekun in Ofosu and the police station in Ore town.

She said: "The security agencies have swung into action and they later

found the groundnut tray with few groundnuts inside the bush along Ore.

"Unfortunately my daughter was nowhere to be found. It's been 12 days now, we've been looking for my daughter."

Contacted, the state police image maker, Tee Leo Ikoro, said the matter was yet to be reported at the police station.

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Meanwhile, five suspected cultists have been arrested in connection with the killing of a vigilante member, Seun Akinsiku and one Seto Ogunye, last

weekend, in Ondo town.

The suspects include Femi Adeoba, known as FM; Ope, Dele, Lasco and Ola.

State Commander of Amotekun, Adetunji Adeleye, who confirmed the arrest said the suspects were nabbed by the joint operation of men of the Nigeria Police, Civil Defence Corps and Amotekun Corps.

The killing, according to sources, was a result of a reprisal attack between two rival cult groups.

Adeoba, alongside three others, were reported to have killed the vigilante, Akinsiku in his house at Oke Agunla in Ondo town around 6 pm on Friday.

The deceased was shot dead as he was about to go out of his house.

Man, 24, arraigned over abduction of teenager

By Onozure Dania

LAGOS—A 24-year-old man, Rilwan Elusogbon, who allegedly kidnapped a teenager, was yesterday arraigned before an Igbosere Magistrates' Court sitting at Tinubu.

The defendant, whose residential address was not given, is facing a two-count charge, bordering on conspiracy and abduction preferred against him by the Police.

The Prosecutor, Chinalu Uwadione, told the court that the defendant conspired with others at large to commit

the alleged offence.

Uwadione said the incident occurred between July 16 and 23, 2021, at about 4 am, at Glover Road, Ikoyi, Lagos.

He said: "The defendant unlawfully abducted a teenager, aged 18 years, by taking her against the wish of her guardian from July, 16 to 23, 2021.

"When the defendant was tracked, it was discovered that he abducted the teenage girl, with intent to have sexual intercourse with her."

However, the defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge against him.

The Chief Magistrate, Mrs. B. O. Osunsanmi, granted the defendant bail in the sum of N300,000, with two sureties in like sum.