

① We watched as Ondo kidnappers shot husband trying to escape with wife — Victim

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One of the burial guests abducted along Benin-Ifon highway, last week, while returning from Edo State, Tayo Olofinbinu, has narrated how a couple tried to escape from captivity and the husband was shot dead.

The victim, according to sources, paid N3m ransom before he was released.

Olofinbinu, a legal practitioner in Akure, Ondo State capital, told newsmen that their abductors brandished AK-47, and marched all the occupants of the vehicle into the forest.

"We travelled in a convoy with police escort while going, but we couldn't wait for the convoy on our return because we wanted to avoid travelling at night, only for us to run into the kidnappers who had laid siege on the road", he stated.

"Two people escaped from the kidnappers while nine

others including a couple were marched into the bush, after they were seriously beaten".

The victim, who is still recuperating after being discharged from hospital, said: "The couple tried to escape from the kidnappers camp but were unlucky as the husband was shot by the kidnappers."

"Another victim who the kidnappers said was not cooperating with them was inflicted with deep machete cut on the head. I am not sure he will survive the injury, as he was nearly dead by the time he was released."

"We were only allowed to speak with our relatives after three days in captivity. And we were only fed with bread and soft drinks after four days in the thick forest."

"I was fortunate not to have been touched throughout my time in captivity. But they (kidnappers) treated most of us badly."