

## Gunmen kill two passengers, abduct corps member, five others in Ondo

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It was a black Saturday in Ondo State as two passengers were shot dead while five others, including a female National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) member, were abducted by suspected gunmen.

Sources said that 15 suspected gunmen abducted the victims along Ifon/Owo Expressway in Ose Local Council area of the state.

Two other passengers reportedly escaped with various degrees of wounds sustained from gunshots.

The bandits were said to be armed with AK-47 rifles and ambushed the commuters at about 11 pm on Friday at Omi Alafa Village in Ifon community.

They reportedly fired sporadically at the Sienna bus.

An eye witness swiftly reported the attack to police detectives in Ifon.

Sunday Vanguard gathered that the commercial vehicle was coming from Anambra State with passengers heading to Owo and Akure, the state capital, when the incident occurred.

Police source said that the corpses of the passengers have been deposited at the morgue of a private hospital in Ifon.

Contacted, police spokesperson, Funmi Odunlami, confirmed the incident.

Odunlami, who said that the details were still sketchy, however, added that our men are fully on the ground, combing the forest to ensure that the kidnapped victims are rescued".