

ONDO STATE OF NIGERIA

**ONDO STATE ANTI-
KIDNAPPING AND
ANTI-ABDUCTION LAW
2010**

**A LAW TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENT FOR THE ACT OF
KIDNAPPING AND ABDUCTION IN ONDO STATE AND FOR
MATTERS RELATED AND INCIDENTAL THERETO.**

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Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the Ondo State House of Assembly as follows:

1. This Law may be cited as Anti-Kidnapping and Anti-Abduction Law, 2010 .

Citation

2. In this Law

Interpretation

“Kidnap” or “abduct” includes the unlawful removal or exportation of a person from any place where he or she is, to another place from the vicinity where he or she is found, or the unlawful confinement of a person in any place without his or her consent with any of the following intention or purposes:-

- i. to hold for ransom or reward; or
- ii. a shield or hostage;
- iii. to facilitate the commission of a felony; or
- iv. to inflict bodily injury on or terrorize the victim or another; or
- v. to interfere with the performance of any Governmental or political function;
- vi. to interfere with the person’s business or the business of another.

“abduction “ under this Law does not relate to abduction under family relationship;

“ransom” means money or other consideration paid for the release of an illegally held or kidnapped person;

reference to the masculine gender, in the Law, shall include the feminine gender.

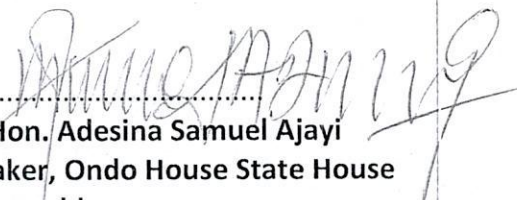
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| 3. | (i) | Any person who takes as hostage, captures, kidnaps, abducts, seizes a person or by any means of instilling fear, tricks, carries, snatches or takes another person with intent to demand ransom from that person or from another person or to compel another to do anything against his will or achieve an unlawful purpose commits an offence. | Kidnap |
| | (ii) | Any person who contravenes section 3 (1) of this Law; | Penalty |
| | (a) | where the life of the person taken hostage, captured, carried, snatched, kidnapped, abducted or seized is lost in the process, shall be liable on conviction to death by hanging | |
| | (b) | where the life of the person taken hostage, captured, carried, snatched, kidnapped, abducted or seized is not lost in the process, shall be liable on conviction to life imprisonment without an option of fine. | |
| 4. | | Any person who attempts to commit any act of taking hostage, capturing, snatching, kidnapping or abducting commits an offence and is liable on conviction to 20 years imprisonment without an option of fine. | Attempt to kidnap |
| 5. | | Any person who aids or abets another to commit any act of taking, kidnapping, seizing or abducting under this Law: | Aiding and abetting |
| | (i) | Commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to life imprisonment without an option of fine. | |
| | (ii) | If a corporate body aids the commission of an offence Under this section, with the consent or connivance of, or was attributed to any neglect on the part of a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body, or any person who was purporting to act in such capacity, that person , as well as the corporate body shall be liable on conviction to:- | Offence by corporate body |


- (a) in the case of an individual, each of them, to imprisonment for twenty years without an option of fine; and
- (b) in the case of a corporate body to a fine of not less than ₦20,000,000.00 and not more than ₦50,000,000.00.

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| 6. | Any person who puts forward oneself whether overtly or covertly to another to be taken, kidnapped, abducted or seized for the purpose of extracting money, ransom or for any other benefit from ones employer or any body whosoever commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 15 years without an option of fine. | Arranging for one's kidnap |
| 7. | Any person who knowingly or willingly allows or permits his premises, building or place belonging or occupied by him which, he or she has control over for purposes of keeping a kidnapped person commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to 14 years imprisonment without an option of fine. | Harbouring a person kidnapped |
| 8. | Any person who kidnaps or does any act relating to kidnapping or threatens to kill, maim or injure or cause panic in order to compel another person or corporate body or governmental organization to do or abstain from committing any act as a condition for the release of the person taken, kidnapped, abducted or seized commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to life imprisonment without an option of fine. | Kidnapping to compel another to do or abstain from doing an act |
| 9. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A person who under false pretences or in any other manner represents himself to be the person kidnapped or abducted, or who claims to have influence, power or ability to obtain the release of a person kidnapped, abducted or seized for purposes of obtaining any ransom or rewards, or to extort or extract from another person anything of value, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to 7 years imprisonment without an option of fine. (ii) Nothing in this section shall incriminate a person who, in good faith believes that he can rescue or obtain the release of a person who has been kidnapped or abducted provided, he has no part in, or connection with the commission of the offence. | False representation to release a kidnapped or an abducted person. |

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| 10. | The Chief Judge of the State shall designate a High Court as a special court for the purpose of trying offences under this Law | Trial of offences. |
| 11. | Any person who procures, counsels, engages, gives information for the purposes of kidnapping, abducting or seizing or by any other means of instilling fear, confines or takes another person to another place against his or her will, commits an offence, and is liable on conviction to the same punishment, as if he or she committed the act of kidnapping or abduction with the same intention, knowledge and purpose. | Procuring or counseling another to |

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has been passed by the Ondo State House of Assembly and found by me to be true copy of the said Bill.

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 Rt. Hon. Adesina Samuel Ajayi
 Speaker, Ondo House State House
 of assembly

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 Alhaji (Barr.) Y. J.A. Dada
 Permanent Secretary/Clerk
 Ondo State House of Assembly.

Governor's Assent

**I hereby signify my assent to the Bill
 Governor's Seal**

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Dr. Olusegun Mimiko
 Governor of Ondo State of Nigeria

Dated this.....day of.....2010.