

John Obi Mikel Told Of Father's Kidnapping Moments Before Playing Argentina

Four hours before kick-off, the captain of Nigeria's hope for the world cup, received a call to tell him that his dad, in his 60's, was in the hands of bandits.

He told no one and played on.

After losing to Argentina, he endured his post-match interviews, albeit in a semi distracted state.

It wasn't until a few days later that the full drama emerged. Ultimately, after a ransom payment of R380,000, a gun duel between police and kidnappers, and a 5km barefoot walk in the rain, John's dad was released alive, but hurt and tortured by the ordeal.

Information courtesy of The Daily Maverick. For the full story, go to:

www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2018-07-04-the-pain-and-awe-of-being-john-obi-mikel-at-the-world-cup/



Mikel's father has now safely returned (Image: REX/Shutterstock)

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