

Gunmen Kill Soldier, Hunter, 3 Kidnapped Victims In Ogun

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Fresh facts have emerged that at least five persons, including a soldier and a local hunter, were killed in an attack by armed criminals on Monday at a private dredging site in Magbon Etido, Mowe, Ogun State.

The Ogun State Police Command which confirmed the casualties yesterday disclosed that four persons were abducted during the attack. While one of the victims was rescued alive during a joint security operation, the bodies of the remaining three abductees were

later recovered.

In a statement, the police dismissed reports linking the incident to banditry, insisting that preliminary investigations indicate it was an isolated criminal attack.

According to the command, the attackers stormed the dredging site and engaged security personnel on duty, leading to the death of a soldier, while another soldier sustained injuries and is currently receiving treatment.

Following a distress call, police operatives, working in collaboration with the military and other security

agencies, launched a coordinated search-and-rescue mission to track down the assailants and secure the release of the kidnapped victims.

The Police said the operation led to the successful rescue of one abductee, saying the remains of the other three victims were later discovered, suggesting they were killed by their captors.

The police further revealed that a local hunter assisting security operatives during the bush-combing exercise was killed in an encounter with the fleeing criminals.

The command said sustained pressure mounted by the joint security team resulted in the neutralisation of one of the suspects, while efforts were ongoing to apprehend other members of the gang.