

Police kill kidnapper

One suspected kidnapper was killed, and an AK-47 rifle was recovered after armed men attacked a police team in Changel Village, Gindiri District of Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State on Wednesday.

The command's spokesman, Alabo Alfred, confirmed the attack and killing in a statement on Thursday.

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The statement read: "As part of efforts put in place by the Plateau State police command to curb crime and criminality, the command has successfully neutralised a suspected kidnapper and recovered a firearm in Mangu Local Government Area.

"On 6th May, 2026, at about 5:30pm, while on the trail of criminal elements at Changel Village, Gindiri District, Mangu LGA, police detectives attached to Gindiri Division were attacked by a gang of armed criminals led by one Ibrahim Abdullahi, a notorious suspect known for terrorising citizens in Gindiri and its environs.

"Our team immediately responded professionally, and a gun duel ensued between them. In the process, one of the suspects was neutralised, while the other suspects have been arrested.

"One of the suspects who sustained a fracture on his leg while trying to escape was taken to the hospital, where he is currently receiving medical attention.

"Exhibits recovered from the suspects include one AK-47 rifle loaded with sixteen (16) rounds of 7.62mm live ammunition and one Redmi Phone belonging to one of their victims."

The statement said the case had since been transferred to the Violent Crimes Response Unit for "discreet investigation," adding that the suspects would be charged in court upon conclusion.