

Police kill two kidnappers linked to Ogun prince abduction

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Ogun State Commissioner of Police, Bode Ojajuni.

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Operatives of the Anti-Kidnapping Unit of the Ogun State Police Command, through sustained operational pressure mounted on a kidnapping gang, have secured the release of an abducted prince of Okun Owa in Odogbolu Local Government Area of the state, simply identified as Prince Idris.

The command noted that the subsequent intelligence-led operation later resulted in the neutralisation of two kidnappers and the recovery of one AK-47 rifle, one empty magazine, two mobile phones, a bag suspected to be a ransom bag, and other incriminating exhibits.

The spokesperson for the state police command, DSP Oluseyi Babaseyi, disclosed this in a statement on Thursday.

Babaseyi disclosed that the victim was abducted on 30th June, 2026, at about 7:30 p.m., when the hoodlums invaded his residence at Okun Owa and whisked him away.

He explained, "Upon receipt of the report, the Commissioner of Police immediately directed the activation of the Command's Anti-Kidnapping Unit, supported by other tactical teams, to secure the victim's release and apprehend those responsible.

“As a result of sustained intelligence-led operations and coordinated tactical pressure mounted on the kidnappers, the victim regained his freedom unharmed on 3rd July, 2026.”

“Following the victim’s release, operatives intensified efforts to apprehend the kidnappers. Acting on credible intelligence, the operatives stormed the Agoro/Imodi axis.

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“On sighting the police, the kidnappers engaged the operatives in a gun duel. The operatives responded decisively, leading to the neutralisation of two kidnappers, while other members of the gang escaped with gunshot wounds.

“A search conducted on the neutralised kidnappers led to the recovery of one AK-47 rifle with one empty magazine, two mobile phones, a bag suspected to be a ransom bag, and other exhibits linked to the criminal operation.

“The corpses of the neutralised kidnappers have been deposited at a government morgue for autopsy, while efforts are ongoing to apprehend the fleeing suspects and recover additional exhibits.”

Reacting to the development, the Commissioner of Police, Ogun State Command, Bode Ojajuni, commended the courage, professionalism, and operational efficiency of the Anti-Kidnapping Unit and other tactical teams involved in the operation.

The CP reaffirmed the command’s unwavering commitment to identifying, tracking, and dismantling criminal networks operating within the state.

He urged residents to remain vigilant and continue to support the police by providing timely and credible information, assuring them that the command will sustain intelligence-led policing and robust tactical operations to ensure the safety of lives and property across Ogun State.

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