

Oyo Police Rescue Two Kidnap Victims, Neutralise Suspected Abductor



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The [Oyo State Police Command](#) has rescued two kidnapped victims and neutralised one suspected kidnapper during a joint security operation in the Oke-Ogun area of the state.

According to the Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Adewale Osifeso Ayanlade, the Command recorded a major operational breakthrough in its sustained efforts to combat violent crime and protect lives and property following a kidnapping incident at Gaa Alhaji, Gbonkan, via Ipapo, in Orelope Local Government Area.

“The incident occurred on Monday, June 29, 2026, at about 8:30 p.m., when armed men suspected to be kidnappers invaded the camp of Alhaji Gbonkan at Gaa Alhaji, Gbonkan, via Ipapo. The assailants fired sporadically to instil fear before abducting three adult males identified as Alhaji Usman Abubakar, Aliu Usman and Saliu Abubakar,” he said.

He explained that upon receiving the distress report, the Commissioner of Police, CP Abimbola Ayodeji Olugbenga, directed the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Ipapo Division to coordinate a joint security operation involving operatives of the Nigeria Police Force, the Amotekun Corps, the Vigilante Group of

Nigeria (VGN) and local hunters.

The operation, he said, was aimed at rescuing the victims, apprehending the perpetrators and restoring normalcy to the affected community.

"The joint security team immediately mobilised to the scene and commenced a coordinated search-and-rescue operation. The crime scene was professionally processed through a forensic sweep, during which relevant evidence and exhibits were identified, documented and secured for investigative purposes.

"Leveraging available technology, actionable intelligence and evidence recovered from the scene, the team strategically combed the surrounding forests and adjoining communities in a sustained pursuit of the fleeing suspects."

According to the police spokesman, the operation led security operatives to the kidnappers' hideout deep inside the forest.

"Upon sighting the advancing security team, the hoodlums opened fire in a desperate attempt to evade arrest, resulting in a fierce gun battle. In the ensuing exchange, one of the suspected abductors was neutralised, while other members of the gang fled into the forest with suspected gunshot wounds.

"One operative of the Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN) sustained injuries during the encounter and is currently responding to treatment."

Ayanlade said the operation resulted in the successful rescue of two of the abducted victims.

"One of the rescued victims sustained a non-life-threatening gunshot injury and was promptly evacuated to a medical facility for treatment, while the second victim also received medical attention following the traumatic ordeal.

"The third victim, who became separated from the others after reportedly running in a different direction during the exchange of gunfire, is believed to be safe. Intensive search efforts are ongoing to locate and reunite him with his family."

The Commissioner of Police reassured residents of Oyo State that the Command remains committed to its constitutional mandate of protecting lives and property and vowed to sustain efforts to rid the state of criminal elements.