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### Countryman

#### Police arrest killer of Chinese

THE Nigeria Police on Tuesday paraded a suspected kidnapper, the Camp leader of the Movement For Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB), who allegedly murdered a Chinese.

Mr. Mike Okiro, Inspector General of Police, who made this known in Abuja at a news briefing, said the suspect with his gang allegedly killed the missing Chinese in Ebonyi State.

The *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* recalls that the two Chinese nationals, Nia Eric, Fend Shenyi and a Nigerian, Sylvester Unigwe, were kidnapped on March 17, in Ebonyi State.

Okiro said the police rescued Eric and Unigwe while carrying out a raid on the enclave of the bandits at Ekoli Edda in Afikpo South Local Government Area of Ebonyi.

“Regrettably, the suspect escaped into the thick jungle with some members of his gang and one of the Chinese hostages, Shenyi.

“Investigation showed that the suspect and his gang killed Shenyi and buried him at Owutu Edda in Afikpo South Local Government Area of Ebonyi,” Okiro said.

According to him, the gang is also responsible for the attack and arson on Nnewi Central Police Station in which two policemen were killed.

He stressed that the police, who were on the manhunt for the suspect, finally arrested him with fake military uniform.

Speaking with newsmen, the suspect, whose names were being withheld, who was in Army uniform, said Shenyi, the missing Chinese, died as a result of severe cold in the bush where they hid him.

“We did not kill him but he died because we were not able to get drug to treat him,” the suspect said.

He said their sponsors and financiers, gave them N20 million to kidnap Mr. Innocent, managing director of Innoson Group of Companies.

According to him, on getting to the scene, they rob and kidnap the employees when they failed to lay hands on the company’s boss.

Asked how he got the military uniform, the suspect said one Cpl. Chukwu Ike Nwachukwu, a Non-Commissioned Officer in the Nigeria Army in Lagos, used to

supply them arms and ammunition and military uniforms.

He said when the MASSOB camp was initially sponsored by its Leader, Chief Uwazurike

Ralph, he was paid N20,000 monthly.





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