

# **Ex-militant killed in kidnap attempt**

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A repentant militant, Grikpo Louis, alleged to be on a kidnap mission was killed Monday in Benin during a gun battle with the police.

Louis who had identity card number ED/138 was among those granted amnesty by the Federal Government. He hailed from Ovia North-East Local Government Area of Edo State.

Three other members of his gang whose names were given as Wanbi Amos Corper, Boro Pereware and Godson Ekpe, have been arrested by the police after successfully freeing the two kidnapped victims.

The two men who were abducted by the kidnappers were working on their elder sister's site at Ewodia along the Ogba area of Benin when they were kidnapped.

The kidnappers placed a ransom of N50 million on them. Luck however ran out on the kidnappers when the police mobilised and rescued the victims at Iguikpe Waterside along Ogba Zoo Road, Benin.

According to Edo State Police Command Acting Public Relations officer, ASP Awhara Ejororo, the Command got information that kidnappers had struck and went into action.

He explained that consequently, the Command contacted the Airport Police station, the nearest station to the scene of crime, and the Police mobilized quickly and engaged the kidnappers in a gun duel.

The spokesman said the kidnappers had already put their victims in a boat, but youths of the area intercepted them. He added that the police have recovered the vehicle used to take the victims to the riverside. Mr. Ejororo said the police were still hunting for five other members of the gang.