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Suspected kidnapper lynched in Kogi

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A suspected kidnapper, Ibrahim Yakub, was lynched by some youths in Igala-mela Local Government Area of Kogi State.

The late Yakubu alongside his accomplice, Wada Mustapha, were allegedly trying to escape to their camp with a victim, one Mrs Ocheje Mary, whom they kidnapped from Ankpa, when they were intercepted. The second suspected kidnapper, Wada Mustapha, who also sustained machete cuts all over his body was rescued by police in the area and taken to the state command.

Parading the remains of the late suspect and his accomplice in Lokoja at the weekend, the Kogi state police commissioner, Emmanuel Ojukwu, said the kidnap gang numbering five invaded the house of their victim in Ankpa at about 8pm, robbed her of valuables before kidnapping her.

He said the kidnappers collected keys to the woman's car and drove her away towards their camp, but that along the way, the fuel in the vehicle finished and they had to abandon it.

"They then forced the woman to trek with them through the bush between 1am to 5 am. As they were trekking through the bush, they met three men on motorcycles, beat them up and collected their

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motorcycles. Then, they placed the woman in between them on one of the motorcycles and continued with their trip", he said.

He said upon getting to a village called Imere in Igala mela Local Government Area, the motorcycle developed a fault and when the villagers came out, they discovered that it was one of the motorcycles snatched from them.

"At that moment, they raised alarm and the suspected kidnappers were rounded up by a mob who meted out jungle justice. One the kidnappers gave up the ghost while his accomplice was rescued by the police", he said.

Ojukwu warned that there would be no hiding place for criminal elements to operate in the state, saying his command would ensure that Kogi is rid of all forms of criminality.

Narrating her ordeal, the victim, Mary Ocheje, said the kidnappers had earlier requested a ransom of N10 million before she was rescued.

She attributed her rescue to God's mercies, saying she was only a local government worker and wouldn't have had the kind of money the kidnappers were demanding as ransom.

One of the suspects, Ibrahim Wada, who claimed to be an NCE holder, told newsmen that he was lured into kidnapping by one of his friends, now at large.

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