

Police kill 8, arrest 58 suspected criminals in Edo

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Operatives of the Edo State Police Command have killed eight suspected criminals during a shootout and arrested 58 persons involved in kidnapping, armed robbery, cultism, among others.

The state's Commissioner of Police (CP), Philip Aliyu Ogbadu, who disclosed this at the weekend in Benin, said the suspects were arrested between January 1 and 5, 2021.

He said the persons

killed exchanged fire with the police during robbery and kidnaping operations.

CP Ogbadu explained that 13 were arrested for cultism, 17 for robbery, 11 for kidnapping, three for rituals, six for murder, five for unlawful possession of firearms, one for rape and two for assault.

He said three riffles, eight locally made guns, 119 live ammunition, 27 cartridges and eight vehicles were recovered from the suspects.