

Police kill 5 kidnappers in gun duel, rescue victim in Ogun

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Operatives of the Ogun Police Command on Thursday reportedly engaged suspected kidnappers in a gun duel and killed five of them. The kidnappers numbering eight were said to have been responsible for the kidnapping of Tunde Osifowokan, the farm manager of Flourishing Poultry Farm, Idowa in Odogbolu Local Government Area, Ogun State. The masked gunmen reportedly stormed the poultry farm on Monday, shooting sporadically after which they abducted Osifowokan, said to be the younger brother of the owner of the farm. The hoodlums were said to have demanded the

whereabouts of the owner of the farm, after which his younger brother stood up to say that the farm owner was not around.

On getting to know that the young man was the brother of their target, the kidnappers were said to have whisked him away amidst heavy shooting.

The Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Alamutu, said the police had been on the trail of the armed

gang since the incident was reported.

Alamutu said the command's operatives stormed the kidnappers' hideout on Thursday and engaged them in a gun battle.

Alamutu also said that the victim, Tunde Osifowokan was rescued unhurt.

He said the corpses of the kidnappers had been deposited at the morgue of a general hospital for autopsy.