

2...Kill kidnapper in Edo

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Operatives of the Edo State Police Command have killed a suspected kidnapper on Amedokhian-Ugboha road in Uromi town in Esan North East LGA.

The Commissioner of Police (CP), Funsho Adegboye, explained that operatives of Uromi Division encountered

some suspected kidnappers while carrying out a bush combing operation behind the Federal Polytechnic, Uromi, and that the suspects opened fire on the operatives to which they replied.

He further said, "During the gun battle, one of the kidnappers was brought down due to the superior fire power of the police while the others

■ The suspect

escaped.

He added that one AK-47 rifle with nine rounds of live ammunition was recovered and that the corpse was deposited at St Camillus Catholic Hospital, Uromi.

In a related development, the police and vigilantes arrested nine suspects, including a couple, over alleged kidnapping in Esan North East LGSA.

CP Adegboye explained that Uromi Division received a report from Daniel Ibhahebhomen, the Sector 1 Commander of the Edo State Security Network, Uromi, that one Asene Ogah, an ex-convict, was invited by Hope Oboh Odianosen, Ikekhua Ehiamen and others who were members of a gang of kidnappers to join them in their operations.