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It was learnt that the pastor victim, Solomon Ativiel, was kidnapped by seven men on his farm at the Urhobo Camp in Iguelaiho community in Ovia South-West LGA.

It was gathered that after the abduction, the kidnappers were taking him away in a boat on the Igben water when youths, including hunters and vigilantes, blocked the waterway with a larger boat and gun a battle ensued between them and that in the process one of the kidnappers was killed and two others injured.

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The Edo State Police Command's spokesman, SP Chidi Nwabuzor, who confirmed the incident, said the two injured suspects were in custody.

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