

Police Kill 3 Suspected Kidnappers In Benue



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The police in Benue State have killed three suspected kidnappers in a gun battle for the rescue operation of Emmanuel Tor Yaji, the President-General of the Kunav Development Association (KUDA), in Vandeikya LGA of the state.

Yaji was abducted at a drinking joint in his hometown, Tsar Mbaduku, according to a statement by SP Anene Sewuese Catherine, the spokeswoman for the state police command.

“On 30/12/2024, at about 8:30pm, information was received at the Vandeikya Police Division that Mr Emmanuel Tor Yaji was kidnapped while socialising in Tsar,” Anene stated.

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She explained that swift action by police operatives led to a confrontation with the kidnappers on New Year’s eve (31/12/2024) at about 1:00 pm in Nambe Adikpo town, Kwande LGA of the state.

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Anene added that during the gunfight, one suspect was fatally injured and later confirmed dead by a medical doctor while another suspect was arrested, and two others escaped.

She listed items recovered from the deceased suspect to include an AK-47 rifle loaded with 12 rounds of live ammunition and three AK-47 magazines.

The police spokeswoman however confirmed that “The two kidnappers sustained gunshot injuries during a second gun duel. They were confirmed dead at the hospital and their corpses were deposited at the mortuary. One more AK-47 rifle was recovered from them,” she explained.

Anene confirmed that Yaji was rescued unhurt and had been reunited with his family and friends.