

Edo Police Kill 2 Suspected Kidnappers



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Operatives of the Edo State Police Command have neutralized two suspected kidnappers and recovered arms and ammunition from them.

It was learned that the incident happened in Esan North East Local Government Area of the state.

The deceased were reportedly killed in a gun battle with the police in collaboration with vigilantes and local hunters during a bush-combing operation.

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The command's spokesperson, CSP Moses Yamu, said the police, acting on intelligence in collaboration with local hunters and a vigilante group, encountered suspected kidnappers during a bush-combing operation along the railway track leading to Ubiaja.

He said the kidnappers, upon sighting the police, opened fire on them, adding that in the process, two suspected kidnappers were killed while others escaped with injuries.

He said the police recovered one AK-47 rifle, 33 rounds of live ammunition, and two mobile phones from them.

He added that the police also recovered an English-made double-barreled shotgun and two live cartridges while combing a forest around Idumogun Community in the Ukoni area of Esan South East LGA during another bush-combing operation.

He appealed to the public to support the command's community safety partnership initiative and informal policing efforts in ensuring a safer Edo State.