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Police Kill Kidnap Gang Leader, Rescue Victims

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THE Abia State Police Commissioner, Mr. Edgar Tam Nanakumo yesterday told reporters in Umuahia that his men killed a notorious criminal identified as Ogechi *alias Kingpin*, in Egbelu Mbutu village in Isiala Ngwa North council.

He said Ogechi was killed in the early hours of the day when he engaged security operatives on a mission to rescue persons allegedly kidnapped by him in a gun duel.

Governor Theodore Orji had yesterday morning visited the police headquarters to condole with him on last Tuesday's killing of five police personnel at 7-Up Bottling factory, near Ogbor Hill, Aba.

One of the rescued victims, Sunday Ajukwu, said three of them were running away from some people on a motorcycle, who were trailing them and ran into some villagers with machetes, who threatened to deal with them.

According to him: "It was in that process the said Ogechi, who claimed to be the head of the community, appeared, insisting that he must keep us in his house for safety, only to turn a bad person when we arrived in his place."

Nanakumo said his men swung into action following a tip off that resulted in exchange of fire and subsequent shooting of Ogechi, who died while being taken to the hospital.

The governor regretted that the state had become notorious for kidnapping, even as government made serious effort to rid it of criminals.