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Police kill suspected kidnapper, free abducted

A CRACK team attached to the Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB) of Imo State Police Command at the weekend killed one suspected kidnapper and rescued the abducted → Deputy Director of Lands in the State Ministry of Lands, Survey and Urban Planning, Chief Basil Ogbuga. Also, two members of the gang were arrested.

Meanwhile, following rising crime rate in the

state, the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Ogbonna Onovo, may have approved the dispatching of over 100 officers of the Anti Terrorists Squad (ATS) to the state.

The State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Aloysius Okorie, confirmed the presence of the squad, but could not state who authorised their coming state.

Parading the arrested suspects at the police

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headquarters yesterday, Okorie said the suspects abducted Ogbunga as he was driving into his premises in Orji, Owerri North Council of the state, took him away and blind-folded him. He added that he was kept in a small metal dungeon → in Okwu,

Imo official

Owerri North where the police, acting on tip-off stormed the hideout after three days and freed Ogbunga.

Okorie said the bandits had demanded N150 million ransom and later reduced the amount. Okorie and Ogbunga also confirmed to journalists that no kobo was paid to the suspects.

On further investiga-

tions, the police commissioner said two of the suspects, John Onyeaka and Ekwealo Nnaemeka, were security men deployed in one of the network service providers, adding that they are alleged collaborators.

Okorie also disclosed that one Eze Amaechi of Enugu State and Kenneth from

Anambra State respectfully were masterminds of the abduction plot, adding that they were Ogbunga's close friends.

The Police Chief said the command has rolled out number of measures to track down criminals in the state, stressing that he would directly ensure strict compliance.

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