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## End of the road for Lagos kidnappers

• Police kill seven suspected kidnappers of Ejigbo council chairman



the victim, Vivex Changrani

By Odita Sunday

**T**HE Lagos State Police Command has smashed the kidnapping gang, which allegedly abducted the Chairman of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area, Mr. Kehinde Bamgbetan and released him a few days after an unspecified ransom was paid.

The gang was sent to their early grave by a combined team of State Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) led by Superintendent Abba Kyari at Agbara area of Lagos in their detention camp shortly after they also abducted an Indian victim.

The syndicate had brought the Indian, who was kidnapped last night, to their camp in the early hours of Monday. The Indian victim was said to have been kidnapped in Ikoyi area of Lagos in the early hours of yesterday on his way back from a night-club in Ikoyi.



The suspects ...dead and alive

He was rescued unhurt by the Special Anti Robbery Squad of the Lagos State Police Command led by Kyari. Seven of the kidnappers died during an exchange of gunfire with the police while two were arrested alive.

The police team carefully executed the plan to ensure that the Indian who was held in their custody came out unhurt. They surreptitiously gathered intelligence on the particular room the Indian was camped and ensured that their bullets did not get to that direction. The Indian was eventually rescued unhurt after the seven suspected abductors were gunned down.

The other two suspects were, however, shot in the leg.

Police said they ensured that two were alive so that the world could hear their story.

One of the suspects, Uchenna Nwanu,

who was caught alive told newsmen that he did not know that his boss was into kidnapping.

"Himself and the wife told me that they were into drug trafficking. I was surprised to discover that he was the leader of the kidnapping gang," he said.

Recovered from the gang were four AK 47 rifles, 28 AK 47 fully loaded magazines, over 1,000 live ammunition of AK 47, army uniforms, one Honda CRV Sports Utility Vehicle with Reg. No. ABC106 AE and a Nissan Pathfinder with Reg. No. AGL730 AZ.

The two arrested suspects- 27-year-old Ogbonna Emenike and 25-year-old Uchenna Nwanyu, were paraded alongside the bodies of their deceased members by the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Police Command, Umar Manko yesterday afternoon.

According to Manko: "Based on

painstaking follow-up, surveillance and tracking of Ghana-based Nigerian kidnappers who kidnapped Ejigbo Local Council Chairman, Kehinde Bamigbetan, a sitting Federal High Court Judge and other notable individuals in Lagos, O/C SARS, SP Abba Kyari led a team of crack detectives to a suburb in Agbara, Ogun State, where the kidnappers have their camp."

"After 72 hours of waiting in an ambush, Kyari and team cordoned and stormed the house where all the kidnappers had gathered at 3.00am. Seven of the kidnappers were fatally wounded during heavy gun battle between the kidnappers and SARS operatives," he stated.

Manko said that two of the gang members were arrested alive, adding that arms and ammunition including military uniforms, charms and operational vehicles were recovered from the gang.

port to South Africa.  
The drug was found hidden

### Briefs

#### Ibiwoye, 52, for burial

**S**ENIOR Nursing Sister at the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Mrs. Stella Toluwalope Ibiwoye, who died on June 12, 2013, at the age of 52, will be buried on Friday, June 28, 2013 at Ebony Vault, Atan, Yaba, Lagos.

Meanwhile, a service of songs holds on Thursday, June 27, at Block 77, Flat 1, Ijaiye Medium Housing Estate, Ogba, Lagos; Lying-in-State on Friday, June 28, at the same venue from 7.30a.m. - 8.45a.m.; Funeral Service holds at the RCCG, Fountain of Life Parish, Israel Adebajo Close, Adeniyi Jones Estate, Ikeja.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Michael O. Ibiwoye and children: Mofoluwaso Oyinkansola Ibiwoye; Olanrewaju Oyinkansola Ibiwoye; Michael Oyinkansola Ibiwoye; Israel Oluwatamilore Ibiwoye.



Ibiwoye

#### Book launch

**A**BOOK entitled *Better than the beginning*, written by Gloria Okekearu, will be launched on Saturday, June 29, at the Redemption House, Nuru Oniwo, Aguda, Surulere, Lagos at 1.00p.m. under the chairmanship of

## NDLEA seizes the largest quantity of narcotics in Lagos