

# Edo Police Kill Six Robbers, Parade 13 Suspected Kidnappers

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Edo State Police Command at the weekend killed six suspected armed robbers in a gun battle at Ekpoma, Esan West Local Government Area of the state.

It also paraded 13 suspected kidnappers allegedly arrested in different locations in the state.

Reports said the police, while responding to a distressed call

that hoodlums were in an uncompleted building where a kidnapped victim was rescued along Agbada Street in Ekpoma, the suspected robbers who were operating in the area opened fire on them and this resulted in a gun duel.

Four of the suspected robbers, according to a report, were killed on the spot during the exchange of fire while the remaining two died on their way to the hospital.

Confirming the report on Sunday, Edo State Commissioner of Police, Danlami Yar'Adua, disclosed that one revolver pistol and three cut-to-size guns and cartridges were recovered from the hoodlums.

He said the police has started an operation code-named, "Operation Attack To Rescue," which he also said led to the raiding of suspected kidnappers' hideouts at Ikoro village and Ogbemudia farms area

where some kidnapped victims were rescued.

The state police boss said one Tony Motor who holds a Diploma in Agricultural Science who is believed to be terrorising Siluko and Iguoriakhi areas, was among those arrested.

Yar'Adua assured Edo residents of a crime-free yuletide in the state, adding that the police would intensify efforts to track down the fleeing robbers and kidnappers.