

Police kill seven, arrest two kidnappers of Lagos LG boss

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●Recover four AK47 riffles, 28 magazines

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The police in Lagos have smashed the kidnapping gang which recently abducted Chairman of the Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) of Lagos State, Kehinde Bamigbetan, who was released days after an unspecified amount had reportedly been paid as ransom.

The gang of hoodlums was reportedly smashed at Agbara area of Ogun State in their “detention camp” shortly after they brought in an Indian victim in the early hours of Monday.

The Indian victim had been kidnapped in the Ikoyi area.

He was rescued unhurt when the Special Anti-Robbery Squad of the Lagos State Police Command led by Abba Kyari, a Superintendent of Police, stormed the camp.

Seven of the kidnappers lost their lives during exchange of gunfire with the police while two were arrested.

Recovered from them were four AK47 rifles, 28 fully loaded magazines, over 1,000 live ammunition, army uniforms, one CRV jeep with registration number ABC 106 AE and a Nissan Pathfinder jeep with registration number AGL 730 AZ.

The two arrested suspects, Ogbonna Emenike (27) and Uchenna Nwanyu (25), were paraded alongside the corpse of their deceased colleagues by Lagos State Police Commissioner, Umar Manko, on Monday afternoon.

According to Manko, “Based on painstaking follow-up, surveillance and tracking of Ghana based Nigerian kidnappers who kidnapped Ejigbo Local Government Chairman, Hon. Kehinde Bamigbetan, 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 the team cordoned and stormed the house where all the kidnappers had gathered at about 3.00 a.m.

“As a result, seven of the kidnappers were fatally wounded during heavy gun battle between the kidnappers and SARS operatives.”

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

“Also, an Indian national, one Mr. Vivex Changrani, kidnapped at Ikoyi at about 1.00 a.m. of today (Monday) was rescued successfully in the kidnappers camp. Investigation continues,” the commissioner added.