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Rivers police kill three, parade 30 suspected robbers

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In the drive to stem down the wave of crime rate, the Rivers State Police Command said it has killed three suspected armed robbers at Umelelu community, in Elele area of the state, even as it paraded 30 armed robbery suspects, including a lady involved in various criminal activities.

Parading the suspects at the Police Command headquarters in Port Harcourt on Tuesday, the State Commissioner of Police, Tunde Ogunsakin said the armed robbery suspects had some exchange of gun fire with men of the special Anti Robbery Squad who were

on their way to attend to a distress call.

He said the Police team was ambushed by the robbers who opened fire on them.

“After a gun duel which lasted for some minutes, three robbers were shot dead while one AK47 and 2 magazines, twenty two of 7.62mm ammunition, one locally made pistol with four rounds of 9mm ammunition and one black Volkswagen golf with registration number AA 941 UGH were recovered” he said.

Ogunsakin pointed out that other suspects who were paraded were involved in other criminal activities such as kidnapping and car snatching.

According to the Commissioner, “On February 20, 2014, there was a distress call from the Command control room that one Ibiso Orinari Atiegoba was kidnapped by a group of four armed men along Ada George road, Port Harcourt.

“The Command Anti kidnapping unit immediately commenced an intensive search and combing of nearby bush and all suspected flash points. Following an intensive search which made them apprehensive of being arrested, the robbers dropped their victim in the bush and drove away with her jeep.

“However, in the course of trying to escape, they were arrested. The victim was rescued unhurt and two suspects were arrested and have confessed to their involvement in the crime. Also on March 1, 2014, armed robbers numbering about five invaded a cosmetic store in Port Harcourt. Based on available intelligence which we discreetly analyzed, we swung into action and arrested two persons with one Barrett pistol with six round of ammunition as well as one locally made pistol. The two suspects confessed to the crime”.

The CP noted that all the Area Commanders and Divisional Police Officers in the State have been directed to intensify their efforts in crime fighting by embarking on intensive patrols and massive raids of suspected criminal hideouts and black spots.

He warned those involved in all kinds of criminal activities in the State to have a change of heart or

reallocate from the State stressing that “I intend to continue to deploy my expertise in crime fighting and prevention in the State against criminals until crime situation is brought to near zero”.

The Commissioner who has just resumed duty in the Command few weeks ago had earlier warned kidnappers to have a change of heart from their notorious act or simply relocate from Rivers state, adding that when caught, such people will face the full weight of the law.

Similarly, men of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad arrested three armed robbers: Sunday Emmanuel, Sunday Iyem and Sunday Sampson were arrested with some assorted jewelries and three laptops. Again, on Monday, March 3, men of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad arrested one Lele Nedum with one AK 47 rifle, three magazines and 21 rounds of 7.62 mm ammunition.

Also in same vein, men of the Rivers State Police Command have intercepted a truck loaded with 900 bags of cement belonging to Dangote group which was from Obajana, Kogi State en-route Port Harcourt, earlier intercepted by men in Army and Naval uniforms in connivance with the driver, Mohammed Nura and Joseph John.

Acting on intelligence, men of the Rivers State Police Command intercepted the truck at Airport Road, Igwuruta, in Port Harcourt.

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