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Police Rescue Girl, 15, Arrest Four Alleged Killers Of Policemen In Kaduna

A 15-year-old girl who was hijacked by some suspected kidnappers has been rescued unhurt while two dreaded suspected alleged killers of four policemen attached to the IGP-Intelligence Response Team, IRT, have been nabbed.

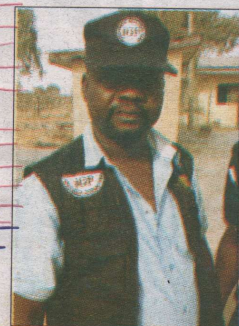
Police sources said the suspects who were responsible for the killing of the policemen were also responsible for the kidnapping of the girl Hadiza Mohammed, in Giwa Local Government Area in Kaduna.

The suspects, police said were responsible for several armed robberies, kidnappings and cattle rustling along Maidaro/Birnin Gwari and Zaria/Giwa axis in Kaduna State.

DAILY INDEPENDENT gathered that since the killing of the policemen and the abduction of the girl the IRT personnel had laid siege on the kidnappers which paid off as the suspects were arrested at their hideout along the Maidaro/Birnin Gwari and Zaria/Giwa Axis in Kaduna State.

The suspects are Ayuba Dabo, 27 years, Samaila Chiroma AKA Ilu, Isah Bello Bahago, 23 years and Haruna Jibrin, 23 years were all arrested in Giwa, area of Kaduna State after engaging the police in a gun battle.

All the suspects we gathered have confessed to kidnapping of the 15-years-old girl and several armed robberies, Kidnappings and cattle rustling in Kaduna State.



The four IRT Policemen that were killed in Kaduna by the kidnappers



Hadiza Mohammed



The arrested suspected kidnappers

ting in Kaduna State.

Our sources said of those arrested two have confessed to participating in the recent ambush and killing of the IRT Personnel.

Police source said "the sus-

pects have mentioned one Buhari General and One Alhaji Mamuda as their gang leaders who also participated in the killing of our four policemen as being in possession of their remaining operational weapons.

"They further made confessions which helped us to rescue a 15-year-old who was kidnapped by them unhurt. "We have recovered one AK-47 rifle and two locally

made guns. Meanwhile, efforts are intensified to recover more operational weapons and the arrest of other fleeing gang members who are responsible for the killing of our men." The source said.

It would be recalled that four operatives of the IRT were ambushed and killed in the line of duty by some suspected kidnappers in Kaduna State.

The men were felled following the Kidnapping of one Sheikh Ahmad Adam Algarkaw in Rigasa area of Kaduna State on August 2.

It was gathered that two of the suspected kidnappers were arrested after a huge ransom was paid for the release of Algarkaw and they led the team to a remote settlement inside Rigasa Forest kaduna State where the victim was kept.

Our source said the operatives after a successful operation where the victim was released and was being taken out from the bush with the arrested kidnappers; other gang-members who were hiding inside the bush ambushed the IRT team and opened fire which resulted in the death of four of the operatives.

The killed suspects according to the Commander of the IRT Deputy Commissioner of Police Abba Kyari were Inspector Benard Odibo with force number AP/No. 148333 Inspector; Mamman Abubakar number AP/No. 181539 Inspector Haruna Ibrahim number AP/No. 192938 and Sergeant Emmanuel Istifanus number F/No. 267815.

Kyari said bodies of the deceased Operatives have been deposited at Saint Gerald Hospital Mortuary Kaduna State for Autopsy stating that the perpetrators will be fished out as efforts are in progress to get the killers to face Justice.