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Police Rescue 34 Kidnapped Kids, Kill Two Suspects

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The Delta State Police Command, Asaba, have rescued 34 children allegedly kidnapped by some people, killed two of the suspects, while three kids are yet to be seen in Okunzu community, Issele-Uku axis, few kilometres away from Asaba, Delta State.

Sources said in the last few weeks in the community, there have been concerns by its residents over alleged ritual activities necessitating them to appeal to the state government for more security.

The police Public Relations Officer, DSP Celestina Kalu, said the kids were rescued in the hands of the suspected kidnappers after they were deceived from their various homes into a pick-up van with registration number AA 136 XX, adding that on a tip-off the detectives ambushed where three of the

suspects escaped while two others were killed on the spot.

Stressing that the police will do everything possible to make life unbearable for kidnappers, cultists, and hoodlums in the state, DSP Kalu disclosed that there was an earlier petition by some of the residents over the alleged invasion by ritualists.

However the whereabouts of the three missing kids remain unknown. The parents of the kids had raised alarm on Thursday when the children who were playing outside their homes in the night went missing, searches conducted didn't produce result.

Speaking to our correspondent, a resident of the community who did not want her name mentioned in the print said, "We appeal to the security agents not to relent in their efforts in ensuring that they combed every nooks and crannies where this suspected ritualists and kidnappers have taken over because we are afraid."

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