

DEATH: Police Kill 3 Kidnappers, Rescue 2 Victims In Rivers

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The Rivers State Police Command has said its men have killed three suspected kidnappers at a forest near Elebrada junction, along the East-West Road, in Emohua local government area of the state.

The police public relations officer (PPRO), Ahmad Muhammad, in a statement issued in Port Harcourt yesterday, said the policemen, who acted on tip-off, also rescued two kidnap victims, Bayo David and Iyabi Segun, from the same forest.

The statement reads in part, "Rivers State Police Command wishes to inform the general public that the recent bow by the Command to smoke out criminals from the state has continue to yield positive results. The safe rescue of two more kidnapped victims namely Bayo David 'm' and Iyabi Segun 'f', on Tuesday 15/12/2015 is the

latest of such exploits.

"Their rescue came at the heel of the timely and actionable information received from a patriotic citizen who saw when the duo while on transit near Elebrada junction along East-West road were stopped by armed men and forcefully dragged them into the nearby bush abandoning the victim's Toyota Highlander jeep by the roadside.

"Quick response to the information by policemen and subsequent combing of the forest led to gun duel with the suspected kidnappers. The confrontation resulted in the safe rescue of the victims as three unidentified suspected kidnappers were gunned down while their other co-traveller escaped.

"The victims, according to them, were on their way to Lagos. The victim's vehicle, two locally made pistols and two objects suspected to be charms were recovered after the rescue operations."

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