



1 Person Killed, 3 Others Kidnapped In Anambra

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Rampaging hoodlums have killed one person and abducted three others in Anambra State.

The criminals who carried out the operations at different parts of the state on Saturday at about 8 pm killed a petrol station attendant at St. Michael's Secondary School junction, Nimo, Njikota LGA. The hoodlums had thereafter abducted and taken away the patrol station boss when he was driving in his SUV vehicle.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the kidnappers had later on their way kidnapped another person at Oraukwu in neighbouring Anaocha LGA while two other persons were earlier that day kidnapped at Ifite-Awka in Awka-South

LGA.

Some eyewitnesses of the Ifite-Awka incidences told LEADERSHIP that the kidnappers had first at about 2pm stormed the area, kidnapped a man and whisked him away firing sporadically to scare away people in the area.

They were said to have again returned to the same area driving in their jeep, and, picked another man who was driving in a Lexus 350 vehicle and quietly made away with him unchallenged.

The public relations officer of the state police command, superintendent of police, SP Tochukwu Ikenga, in a statement yesterday, confirmed the incidents and said that the commissioner of police in the state, CP Nnaghe Itam, had ordered a manhunt for the dare-devils, adding that the abandoned vehicle of

one of the victims had been recovered.

Ikenga said: "The Commissioner of Police Anambra State, CP Nnaghe Obono Itam states that efforts are ongoing to arrest the assailants and rescue the victims of the abduction.

"The incident happened by 2pm on 13/7/2024 and was captured in a video along Ifite – Amansea road, Awka. The police responding team recovered the abandoned victim's vehicle, and joint security measures/personnel positioning are already in place to forestall such/related incidents in the State.

"Police responding team recovered the victims' vehicles and has emplaced Joint Security Measures/Operational positioning to forestall such or related incident in the state," Ikenga said further.