

## Police kill three, arrest 15 in Rivers

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THE Rivers State Police command yesterday killed three suspected criminals and arrested 15.

Parading the suspects yesterday at its headquarters, Commissioner of Police Bala Hassan said the suspects were allegedly involved in kidnapping, car-snatching and sea-piracy.

Hassan said one of the suspects, Mr. Joesph Goodluck Jaja, who was arrested a week ago, also confessed to killing of two mobile policemen, and disposed them of their guns.

He and his gang, he said, were carrying involved in sea-piracy on Opobo River and Akwa Ibom State.

Hassan said Jaja led policemen to Uyo, Akwa Ibom State to arrest other members of his gang.

Two of the suspects, he said, tried to escape and they were shot.

The policemen arrested one of their female friends identified as Miss Patience Effiong Asuquo.

Five other suspects who allegedly kidnapped a member of staff of Access Bank, Mr. Osai Ochendu, on Psychiatric road, Port Harcourt, were also arrested from Rumuagholu in Obio/ Akpor Local Government Area.

Hassan said his men stormed the community and arrested 55 persons.

After interrogation, five of them were detained.

A member of a car snatching syndicate, who disposed Mrs Angela Mbanugo of her car in Port Harcourt, was also arrested.