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THE police have smashed a kidnapsyndicate and killed a member of the gang in Udu, Delta State.

Six suspects, including a juju priest, were arrested. The police recovered N5million from the gang during a raid on Sunday.

Two children were rescued by the police.

The victims, Minee (13) and Akpos (9), had spent 18 days in captivity before they were freed.

They are the children of Godstime Emaghegbe, the Chairman, Petroleum Tanker Drivers Association (PTD) in the state.

They were snatched at gun point from their school on Jakpa Road, Ekpan, Uvwie Local Government.

It was gathered that the suspects were caught while they were counting the N5million ransom allegedly paid to secure the children's release.

A source said: "The kids have been with their abductors, until Sunday night when they were rescued by the police in the dawn raid in Udu."

It was gathered that the children were rescued from the shrine of the priest.

Security sources said the suspects' arrest followed a tip-off, which led men of the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) of the Delta State Police Command to storm the priest's shrine.

The priest led the police to Ughelli where the suspects were arrested and the children freed.

Police spokesperson Charles Muka confirmed the report.

He said: "The command last night (Sunday) killed a suspect and arrested six others.

"They are allegedly responsible for the kidnap of two children in Ekpan.

"The suspects are allegedly responsible for the crimes in Warri and its environs."

He said items recovered from the suspects included a human skull, gun and N5 million.



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we thank God for that huge crackdown on these guys that says we will not have peace in warri and it's everon. more effort should be made to makesure they are wipe out completely. imagine this guys killing the only son and a child of a woman who has no money to pay for a ransome, they made her childless. The forcemen should cry out for any help or support they need from the government