

# Kidnappers kill three, abduct one in Imo

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THE tranquillity of the sleepy community of Ohaji /Egbema local Government Area, Imo State, was disrupted yesterday as hoodlums suspected to be kidnapers stormed the Umuapu neighbourhood along Owerri /Port Harcourt road, killing three persons and took an expatriate hostage.

The kidnappers were said to have pursued the Hielux van conveying the expatriate from Water Smith Company at Awara in Ohaji/Egbema LGA up to Umuapu where they opened fire on their victim.

Confirming the incident, the Commissioner of Police, Imo State, Mohammed Abubakar stated that only one police officer and two unidentified occupants of the Hielux car were shot dead.

The police boss however assured that a joint team of police and army have been mobilized to unearth the circumstances surrounding the incident so as to bring the offenders to book.

Abubakar who revealed that the command has arrested 17 suspected kidnappers and two car snatchers within the past few days, assured that there would be no hiding place for criminals in the state as the command would leave no stone unturned in ensuring a hitch free Christmas celebrations.

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