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27 suspected kidnappers paraded in Kogi

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Kogi State Police Command Friday paraded 27 suspected kidnappers that have been terrorizing the state in the last three months.

The Kogi State Police Commissioner, CP Yakubu Usman while parading the suspects before newsmen at the state Police Command said they were arrested across the state with dangerous weapons.

According to him, on the 2nd of March this year, there was information that some Fulani suspected to be armed robbers and kidnappers were sighted in a hotel in Idah, adding that his men swung into action and arrested them.

He said that during interrogation the suspects confessed to have kidnapped one Isah Ibrahim, with others and the sum of “two million five hundred thousand” was paid as ransom.

He added: “The suspects also stated that in the month of December last year, they kidnapped one Mallam Isah Yusuf and the sum of five hundred thousand was collected and they killed the victim, because the victim can identify one of his captives.

“As a result of the arrest of the suspect, his gang members went and killed the victim’s father named Mohammed Yusuf at Idah”.

Also paraded was one Maha Musa who allegedly kidnapped Mr. Lily Yunpin, a Chinese nationale.

According to the CP, the suspect was arrested and during interrogation he confessed to various armed robberies; kidnapping, and attack on SARS base at Ejule.

He said the suspect further confessed that himself and six others kidnapped the victim last month and a ransom of N3 million naira was collected while N100, 000 naira was given to him as his share.

Mohammed Isah and Iliyasu Abubakar were arrested for allegedly kidnapping an unnamed seven-year old boy in Aloma ib Ofu local government of the state.

According to the CP, on the 20th last month, one Sule Adamu Usman of the Aloma Fulani camp reported that on that same day at about 4pm, one of his wives called him that his son named Halilu Usman (seven) was kidnapped by unknown gunmen while on the way to the stream.

He said that the kidnappers called with phone a number demanding for a ransom of N1million, but that during the payment of the ransom, one Mohammed Isah was arrested by operatives attached to SARS and during interrogation the suspects confessed to the crime and led to the arrest of two others.

The CP further disclosed that some suspects were killed during a shootout with his men, warning that kidnapping and armed robbery will soon be over as his men are ready to checkmate the activities of criminals in the state.

On the activities of cultism in Lokoja, the state capital in the past few months, the CP said those involved in cult related activities which led to the killing of two young men have been arrested and charged to court.

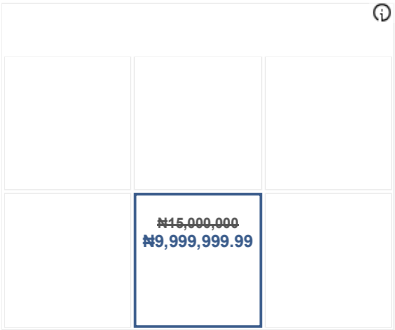
He assured the people of the state of adequate security, just as he appealed that whoever has information on criminals should report same at the nearest police station.

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