

# Two suspected kidnappers shot dead in Ogun

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**T**wo suspected kidnappers have been shot dead by operatives of Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad (FEDSARS) in Ogun State.

The kidnappers were said to have engaged FEDSARS operatives in gun battle on Thursday, in a bid to rescue an abducted woman.

It was learnt that two locally-made single barreled guns and four live cartridges were recovered from the suspects.

The incident according to spokesman of Ogun State Police Command, Mr Abimbola Oyeyemi started at about 1:00pm when a distress call was made to the Police that one Mrs Ajayi, a pastor's wife had been kidnapped along Abeokuta Ibadan road.

"The woman who boarded a taxi going to Eleweran was forcibly taken to an area of Odeda where she was taken to a bush and held hostage. The kidnappers there and then put a call across to her pastor husband informing him that his wife is in their custody and that a sum of N2million should be paid for her release.

"The pastor quickly informed the Police, consequent upon which the Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Iliyasu gave a marching order to the officer in-charge FSARS, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Uba Adam to go after the hoodlums, rescue the victim and apprehend the suspects."

He added: "In compliance with CP's directive, the O/C FSARS led his men to the bush where the suspects were technically traced to, and engaged them in gun battle which lasted for about 45 minutes.

"At the end of the encounter, two members of the syndicate were shot and arrested but gave up the ghost on the way to hospital. One Policeman was also injured and undergoing treatment in an hospital while the victim was rescued unhurt."