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## Police kill five suspected kidnappers in Taraba

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The Police in Taraba State said yesterday they gunned down five suspected kidnappers in Garba-Chede, Gassol Local Government Area of the state.

The spokesman of the command, ASP David Misal, told reporters in Jalingo that the suspects were shot by the police during an exchange of gunfire following a failed attempt to kidnap one Alhaji Yakubu Atiku, a resident of the area.

He said the police responded swiftly to a distress call from the area and in the ensuing exchange of fire with the bandits, "five members of the gang were shot dead while others escaped with bullet wounds," he said.

The police spokesman said AK47 rifle, one English pump action, two single barrel guns, 16 cartridges, three expended 7.62mm ammunition, two expended cartridges and assorted charms were recovered from the suspects.

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