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Soldiers rescue pastor, nursing mother in Aba

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•Cook arrested as Army recovers gun, stolen items

Soldiers attached to the 144 Battalion under 14 Brigade headquarters in Ohafia have rescued the pastor of a Pentecostal church in Aba, identified as Rev. Daniel Obisike, and an unidentified nursing mother.

The soldiers rescued them during a raid on a kidnappers' hideout in Osisioma Local Government Area of Abia State.

The soldiers from Ngwa High School Forward Operation Base (FOB), Charlie Coy, battled the kidnappers during the operation which lasted over three hours.

It was learnt that the hoodlums operated around Ekeapkara in Umuojima communities of Osisioma Local Government Area and Omuma in Rivers State.

The soldiers also reportedly arrested a woman undergraduate of the Federal Polytechnic at Nekede in Imo State, who they said cooked for the kidnappers.

Sources at the Army base told our reporter that the soldiers recovered a locally-made pistol, a Dane gun and seven mobile phones suspected to have been stolen.

One of the abductors was said to have died during crossfire with the soldiers as the hoodlums opened fire on sighting the security agents.

Other gang members were suspected to have escaped with gunshot wounds.

A source at the brigade headquarters told our reporter that the FOB operatives swung into operation following a tip-off.

The source said four members of the gang were on the run, adding that they would soon be apprehended as military intelligence team had been working round the clock to bring them to justice.