

Three suspected kidnappers killed in Taraba

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The Taraba State Police Command yesterday said it had killed three suspected kidnappers who had been terrorising residents of Bali and Takum local government areas.

In a statement in Jalingo, the state capital, Police Commissioner David Akinremi said officers of the command attached to Bali Division stormed the hideout of a gang of kidnappers on Wednesday and shot three of them dead.

He said: “The criminal gang has terrorised and kidnapped a number of persons around Bali and Takum local government areas, using a camp in Garuwa village in Bali to keep their victims.

“In this encounter, they fell to the superior fire power of our operatives in a shootout. Three members of the gang died in the shootout while others escaped with gunshot injuries.

“One AK-47 rifle with 10 rounds of ammunition, one single-barrelled rifle with five live cartridges and some charms were recovered from the bandits.”

The commissioner added that clothings, suspected to belong to some of their victims, were also recovered.

Akinremi urged the public to report persons with bullet injuries to the nearest police station for possible arrest and prosecution.

He expressed appreciation to the residents for their continued support for the crime fighting efforts of the police.