

Five held for murder in Akwa Ibom

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FIVE persons have been arrested by the Inspector-General of Police Tactical Team in Akwa Ibom State for alleged kidnapping and murder.

The gang of suspected kidnappers led by one Eddy Etim Onuka from Oron local government area of the state was paraded at the weekend at the State Police headquarters, Ikot Akpan Abia, Uyo.

Police spokesman Odiko Macdon, while parading the suspects, said the suspects confessed to using AK47 rifles during the operations.

~~Macdon said Onuka, a native of Oron council and youth leader of the Rice Millers Association, Oron, masterminded the two kidnap incidents.~~

The police spokesman said one Emmanuel was shot as he resisted the suspects while another person identified as Aniekan was robbed of over N20 million by the gang.

~~"This is a clear case of kidnapping and it is a very unfortunate one. They went to abduct one Mr. Emmanuel who sells engine parts and when they got there, the man resisted them and they shot him. Some other members of the gang are now at large but Eddy Onuka was their leader. By the grace of God, the Special Tactical Team of the IGP moved in and effected arrest. This was the first incident.~~

"In the second incident, the same Eddy led members of the same kidnap syndicate and they succeeded this time around in abducting one Aniekan and collected over N20 million from him as ransom," he added.