

# Gang beheads three hunters in Akwa Ibom



Three hunters have been beheaded by a gang member at Unyenghe, Mbo Local Government Area of **Akwa Ibom State**.

But the Police Commissioner, Joseph Eribo, said the suspect had been nabbed.

The CP, who paraded the suspect yesterday alongside other suspects, said the arrest was a major breakthrough for them.

Eribo said: "We recovered two of the bodies without their heads and the other we haven't seen till today. They told us they threw the body into the high sea. We got the No 3 man of that deadly gang. And he is confessing what they did."

He also said the police have killed three members of an armed gang during a return attack to kidnap a Catholic priest they once kidnapped and released after an undisclosed ransom was paid

On some of the recent breakthroughs, the CP said: "We have neutralised three daredevil criminals notorious for kidnapping and other criminal acts. We have it on record that they once kidnapped a prominent Reverend Father, took him somewhere in this state and ransom was collected.

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“This time they were coming for a second mission to pick the Father again, because one informant told them that the target had a lot of money to give out. We acted on a very credible intelligence and we were able to neutralise three of them.

“Another case involved a very brutal, deadly cult operating in the riverine area. This was the group that recently cut down three hunters (vigilantes) in one of the villages (Unyenghe, Mbo Local Government Area) in the state. They beheaded them.

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“There are other breakthroughs recorded, including two cases of unlawful possession of firearms with the arms recovered. There is also a case of child stealing where children are taken from this state and sold outside for various amounts, including a child sold for N400,000 and another for N600,000. We have two women and other suspects with us.”

The CP also mentioned a case of fake kidnap “where children wanting to extort their parents arranged their own kidnap. The lid was blown off and we were able to apprehend them”, just as a dismissed Police Corporal was paraded for impersonating on uniform as a serving officer to extort people was also paraded.

“Only God knows how many people have fallen victim to his impersonation. A good Samaritan gave us the information on him doing those things a genuine policeman wouldn’t do in uniform. “