

Two killed, victim rescued as police raid Enugu kidnappers' den



• *Enugu govt demolishes kidnappers' strongholds*

The **Police** Command in the Enugu State has said that it has raided a kidnappers' camp in Nokpa-Nike, Enugu East Local Government Area, rescuing a kidnapped victim and neutralising two suspects.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Daniel Ndukwe, said this in a statement on Friday in Enugu.

He said the raid, which followed a diligently gathered actionable intelligence, was part of the continuous efforts by the command against criminality in the state.

According to him, the raid happened late Thursday night.

“Upon the operatives’ arrival, the kidnappers opened fire, prompting a return of fire. In the process, two of the suspects were neutralised, while others fled with varying degrees of gunshot injuries. A manhunt for the fleeing suspects and others linked to the syndicate is underway.

“A male victim, identified as the personal assistant (PA) to a public figure (names withheld), kidnapped by the gang on September 27, 2024, in Trans-Ekulu, Enugu, was rescued unharmed. During the operation, the police recovered one G-3 rifle, two AK-47 rifles, three magazines, and one hundred twenty-five rounds of live ammunition.

“Preliminary investigations reveal that this criminal group had demanded a ransom of forty million Naira (N40,000,000.00) for the release of the victim. The group is also found to be responsible for several kidnappings within Enugu metropolis and its environs. Some of their members had previously been arrested and arraigned in court, with firearms and ammunition recovered from them.

“Furthermore, the buildings used for these criminal acts, including the present one, have been destroyed by the Enugu State Government,” the statement said.

It noted that the Commissioner of Police, Kanayo Uzuegbu, commended the operatives' efforts and reiterated the command's unwavering resolve to eradicate violent crimes in the state. He called on the public to remain law-abiding, vigilant, and to support the police in their efforts.

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Meanwhile, in furtherance of its relentless war against kidnapping and criminality in Enugu State, the state government has yet again reduced to rubbles, a kidnappers' den at Nike in Enugu East LGA of the state.

The twin semi-detached bungalows located at Nokpa, near Alulu, Nike had been serially used to house kidnap victims pending their ransom payment and was demolished in line with Section 315 (Second Amendment) of the Criminal Code Law, Cap 30, Laws of Enugu State, according to the state government.

Briefing newsmen after the operation on Friday, Chairman of the Enugu Capital Territory Development Authority, Hon. Uche Anya, reiterated Governor Peter Mbah's determination to wipe out every vestige of kidnappers and violent criminals in the state, insisting that "this is an open warfare and will not stop until we wipe out the criminal elements."

"On 27th of September, at about 7pm, this gang of hardened criminals abducted one Chibuke Charles and Mr. Emma Okeke around the Federal University of Allied Health Sciences (formerly Federal School of Dental Technology and Therapy), Trans Ekulu, Enugu, and took them to this den. They were able to get ransom for one, and hoped to get a ransom of N40m from the other victim.

"Their hit team disappeared to their stronghold in Imo State, not knowing that the security agencies were on their trail. Thank God for the sophisticated security infrastructure that Governor Mbah has procured for the state and thanks to the brilliance and bravery of the police crack squad. The gang was overpowered and arrested. They took the crack team to this notorious den.

"Members of their gang guarding the kidnap victim opened fire on the rescue team, but were equally overpowered and neutralised in the process of rescuing the victim. This happened on 29th of September.

"Three automatic rifles in addition to other dangerous weapons, fetish objects, and hard drugs were recovered from them. So, even their charms failed them.

"This is yet another warning to all criminals in the state to relocate or meet their doom because this administration is determined to go all the way to secure the lives and property of Ndi Enugu.

"This is also another warning that the government will not spare any property used for kidnapping, armed robbery, and the likes in Enugu. The Governor Mbah administration will not allow you to enjoy your proceeds of crimes in Enugu State. The government will not only hunt you down, but also demolish the property involved in line with the provisions of relevant laws of the state, particularly Section 315 (Second Amendment) of the Criminal Code Law, Cap 30, Laws of Enugu State.

