

# Police, NSA Office rescue 17 kidnap-victims

**O**PERATIVES of the Kaduna State Police Command's Anti-Kidnapping Unit, in conjunction with the Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA), has rescued 17 victims who were abducted on March 3 at Sarkin Pawa, Niger State.

They are Williams Ubadia (15), Samuel Ezekiel (15), Duza Ezekiel (13), Ishaku Ishaya (12), Sunday Ezekiel (8), Jessy Friday (6), Rebecca Ezekiel (32), Jummai Ishaya (32), Terriza Friday (30).

Others are Alice Ezekiel (35), Victoria Ishaya (32), Blessing

•Three armed robbers killed, 21 AK-47 rifles recovered <sup>3</sup>

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Ezekiel (20), Gloria Ubadia (13), Gift Ubadia (10), Charity Ezekiel (9), Alheri Ishaya (5), and, Favour Ezekiel (1).

The police said they had been taken to the Police Clinic in Kaduna for treatment.

In a statement yesterday, the Force Public Relations Officer, Assistant Commissioner of Police Olumuyiwa Adejobi said on April 9, operatives of the Kaduna State Police Com-

mand's Anti-Kidnapping Unit, in conjunction with the Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA), rescued the victims.

On the same day, he added, operatives intercepted a commercial Volkswagen Sharan at the Kawo Central Motor Park in Kaduna and discovered 21 AK-47 rifles in the vehicle.

A suspect, Jamilu Suleiman, a27, resident in Rafin Guza, Kaduna, was arrested. He said he was instructed by a union member to deliver the firearms to someone in Kaduna.

Also, Adeyobi added, on the same day, too, the Police Command got distress call that Doggi Farm on Kaduna-Abuja Expressway was being robbed.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Tafa Division mobilised a patrol team to the scene and engaged a gang of about 30 armed robbers, who had invaded the premises, in a gun battle. Two of the robbers were killed, while others fled.

Two of them who were injured were apprehended and taken to Umaru Musa Yar'Adua Memorial Hospital, Sabon Wuse, but one of them died.