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Abia Police kill five kidnapping gang members



The **Abia State** Police have killed five members of a notorious kidnapping gang.

The police team recovered six AK-47 rifles, 335 rounds of ammunition, 14 magazines, five handsets, three cutlasses, five jackets, one axe, one boot, one polo charms and one double-barrel long gun.

The state Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Maureen Chinaka, said the breakthrough was part of their efforts to curb kidnappings in Umuozuo community.

Chinaka said the team leveraged credible intelligence that enabled a joint tactical team of Abia State Police Command to storm a kidnappers' den at Umuiku Obete Village in Ukwa West Local Government Area, who were linked to kidnappings.

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The state Police spokesperson added that an investigation had started to apprehend other fleeing suspects of the gang.

She added that in a separate operation on Saturday, officers of the Arochukwu Divisional Headquarters recovered a double-barrel long gun at Amuvi Village, Arochukwu.

She further stated that the Commissioner of Police, Danladi Isa, has reiterated the Command's commitment to eradicate crime.

She said the police commissioner urged residents of the state to remain vigilant and support Police's efforts.