

Police kill 3 kidnap suspects, property set ablaze

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A combined team of police anti-kidnapping squad and the police in Ogwashi-uku, Tuesday in Ogwashi-uku smashed a gang of kidnappers killing three who were alleged to have sometime last week abducted an octogenarian, Rangers Okafor from his house in Idumu-aku, Azungwu quarters, Ogwashi-uku.

Information from reliable sources revealed that the three-man gang met their Waterloo somewhere in Ogbe-ofu quarters, Ogwashi-uku where they are holding the said Okafor hostage in an uncompleted building after abducting him from his house.

According to a source, the police anti-kidnap squad had lay siege close to a bush within the area the kidnappers had directed the children of the kidnapped Okafor to keep the ransom they had demanded from them unaware there are policemen within the area.

"The two children of the kidnappers had carried the sack of money to the point they were directed to keep it. Following the directive of the police whom they had earlier contacted over the matter, they had sped off with their car while the policemen who had lay siege within the area patiently waited for anyone who will come to carry the money. Unaware that the

police were around, one of the abductors had come out from his hiding to carry the money when the police shot him on the leg, paralysing him immediately.

"It was the apprehended kidnapper who now took the police to their rendezvous where the old man was held hostage. The second

member of the gang who realised too late the coming of the police in an attempt to escape was surrounded and caught. They were the ones who now named other member of their gang. One of them was eventually nabbed before he could escape", disclosed the source.

Findings by our

correspondent revealed that the leader of the kidnap gang is a close relation to the victim, just as other members of the team were also alleged to be indigenes of Ogwashi-uku community.

When contacted, the acting Police Public Relation Officer, Delta State, DSP

Charles Muka while confirming the incidence said the police in the process of rescuing the kidnapped victim gunned down the three kidnappers, while some unknown youths in protests of the action of the kidnappers burnt down the houses of the young men in Ogwashi-uku.



A cross section of participants at the one year remembrance *fidau* prayer held in honour of Alhaja Sherifat Mojirade Olojede, wife of the secretary, Nigerian Union of Teachers (NUT), Oyo State wing, on Sunday.

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suspect pleaded through his lawyer Femi Familusi, was not granted was consequently in prison custody use was adjourned 4, 2014.

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