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Police arrest couple, 3 others for kidnap in Delta

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A couple, Emeka Okolie and his wife, Loveth Emeka Okolie, are among five suspects arrested by the Nigeria Police for abducting one Chief Ijeh Christopher last week in Delta State.

Names of the three other suspects were given as Onyeka Anyanwu, Okoh Kagogwashie and one Ifeanyi.

The victim, Chief Christopher, as gathered, was abducted at Ogwashi-Uku on November 18, kept in a hideout at Orifitie in Anambra State and later released after part of the N2 million ransom demanded was paid.

Saturday Tribune, however, gathered that on Friday detectives attached to the Special Anti-Kidnaping Squad (SAKS), Asaba,

acting on a tip-off, stormed the criminals' hideout at Orifitie in Anambra State.

The hoodlums, on sighting the police detectives, allegedly engaged the security agents in a gun duel and one of the suspects, Ifeanyi, was shot and arrested.

The suspect eventually died while receiving treatment at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Asaba while the other four suspects are helping the police with further investigation.

Speaking on the operation, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Delta State Command, DSP Celestina Kalu, disclosed that the sum of N554,000 believed to be part of the ransom collected for the release of the victim was recovered from the female suspect, Mrs Okolie.

Meanwhile, one Chief Edore Agba and Daniel Fole who were kidnapped at Ughelli by unknown gunmen on November 22 have been rescued by the police.

groan under heavy traffic

The development which every time it occurred, left motorists and commuters on the road for long hours, led to loss of man hours and impacted negatively on the economy.

Friday's gridlock is coming as motorists and commuters were smarting from more than three weeks fuel scarcity that had engulfed the country.

The major roads affected by the situation are

Ikorodu road, Agege Motor road, Funsho Williams Avenue, CMS, Surulere, Mushin, Oshodi-Apapa Expressway and Ijora-Apapa road but the jam spilled over to the adjoining streets.

The gridlock forced some motorists to abandon their vehicles, while commuters alighted from the commercial vehicles they had boarded to trek kilometres to their destinations.

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