

Students waiting to board vehicles at Idi-Iroko BRT Bus Stop in Lagos, on Wednesday. PHOTO: NAN.

cartel conveying Indian hemp neatly concealed in a

Police rescue woman, kill five suspected kidnappers in C/River

THE Special Anti-Robbery Squad of the Police Command in Cross River State has rescued a lady, while killing five suspected kidnappers who abducted her in Ikom Local Government Area of the state.

Spokesperson of the command, ASP Irene Ugbo, disclosed this in a telephone interview with the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** on Wednesday in Calabar, the state capital.

Irene said the suspected kidnappers had been under the trail of the police for four-days since the abduc-

tion occurred.

She explained that men of the SARS unit, on gathering intelligence information, traced the kidnappers to their hideout in the bush, where the shooting occurred.

"Our men today had an

encounter with some kidnappers in Ikom Local Government Area while trying to rescue an abducted woman in their captivity.

"During the process of rescuing the victim, the kidnappers engaged our men in an

exchange of fire and we were able to rescue the woman, while five of the kidnappers were shot dead.

"We also arrested two of the kidnappers and our men are bringing them down to Calabar as we speak," she

said.

The spokesperson urged members of the public to always avail the command with timely and useful information that would help it to respond to emergency cases on time.

Woman, 63, arrested for using girls for prostitution, operating brothel in Edo

THE National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) said it had arrested a 63-year-old woman for alleged human trafficking in Benin, Edo State.

Zonal Commander of the

NDLEA, comprising Edo and Delta states, Mr Nduka Nwanwenne, disclosed this to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** in Benin on Wednesday.

Nwanwenne said the agency had also rescued five victims from the woman, who operated a brothel in Benin City.

He said that both arrests

the state capital.

The zonal commander said that the woman, who hails from Ugbor Village in Oredo Local Government Area of the state, was also accused of exploiting four of the five girls rescued.

According to him, preliminary investigation reveals that four of the girls were recruited from Kat-

on arrival in Benin, the victims were handed over to the suspect.

"The victims said that the suspect collected all their earnings, which ran into hundreds of thousands of naira.

"According to them, their earnings were recorded on a daily basis in a card for each girl," he said.

FG reduces 90-count charge against Peace Corps Commandant to 13