

# Three suspected kidnappers killed, two arrested in Ogun

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EFFORTS of the Ogun State Police Command to checkmate the activities of kidnappers in the state paid off on Wednesday, as four members of a kidnap gang who allegedly abducted three persons, including a son of the Chief Imam of Ode-Omi Community on Sunday, on August 11, which was the Sallah day, have been arrested.

The command gave the names of the kidnap victims, who secured their release on August 16, as Adamson Bamidele, Adam Jelil and Sanni Azeez.

Since their release, the *Nigerian Tribune* learnt that the police in the state had kept on trailing their abductors who were discovered to be hibernating in the creek.

At a point, the policemen were said to have approached the kidnappers' hideout, and had engaged them in gun battle, resulting in four policemen sustaining injuries.

This reportedly forced the police operatives to withdraw; but, unknown to the kidnappers, they laid ambush around the area.

*Nigerian Tribune* gathered after a while, four members of the gang came out of the

creek, probably to relocate to another place, but the police swooped on them and arrested them.

Narrating the experience to the *Nigerian Tribune*, the state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, said that as operatives of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) were taking the suspects to Abeokuta, other kidnappers laid ambush for them between Abigi town and J4 in order to rescue their members.

This, he said, resulted in a gun fight between them and the police, resulting in the death of two of the four suspects and one among those who came to lay ambush, making three.

Recovered from the suspects were pump-action gun belonging to the attackers, three expended cartridges, two cut-to-size guns, four live cartridges, one cylinder, one boat engine and assorted charms.

Some of the attackers reportedly escaped with bullet injuries.

"The command hereby seizes this opportunity to appeal to members of the public, especially hospitals, to report anybody seen with gunshot injury to the police in their area," the PPRO said.