

Gunmen kill one, kidnap another in Kwara

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A 10-man armed gang in military uniform on Saturday reportedly stormed a hotel in Alapa community in Asa Local Government Area of Kwara State, killing one person and abducting another. *Nigerian Tribune* gathered that the gunmen invaded the area at about 10:00 p.m. with the plan to kidnap the owner of the hotel, simply identified as Mr Zulu. It was also gathered that

the gang members, who fired sporadic gunshots during the operation, killed one person in front of the facility and later abducted another.

The owner of the hotel, however, escaped with injuries while running into a nearby bush.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the state police command, Okasanmi Ajayi, who confirmed the development, said the Commissioner of Police, Mr Tuesday Assayomo, immediately dispatched the command's tactical units on receipt of the

information and co-opted local hunters, vigilantes and Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC) men in the search and rescue of the abducted victim.

Ajayi said: "At about 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 28, a distress call was received by the command to the effect that about 10 armed men in military uniform invaded a hotel in Madala via Alapa.

"In an attempt to abduct the owner of the hotel, one Mr Zulu, shots were fired by the invaders and one Aro

Razaq of Oloje Ilorin, was hit and he died in front of the hotel.

"The target of the kidnappers, who happens to be the owner of the hotel, escaped with injuries.

While escaping into the bush, the kidnappers abducted one Abdulhakeem Aminu.

"The Commissioner of Police in the state, Tuesday Assayomo, who immediately dispatched the command's tactical units on receipt of the information, also co-opted local hunters, vigilantes and

OPC men in the search and rescue endeavour.

"While commiserating with the family of the dead victim, the CP assures the good people of Kwara State, especially the family of the victim, that no stone would be left unturned in the effort to rescue the abductee and arrest the culprits.

"He solicited the cooperation of the people through giving the police information that might aid the command in the early arrest of the suspects and rescue of the victim."