

Troops kill three suspected kidnappers in Benue

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THREE suspected kidnappers were on Tuesday killed by troops of *Operation Whirl Stroke* in Zaki-Biam community in Ukum Local Government Area of Benue State.

Some kidnappers were reported to have abducted one Omemma Chimobi, an Igbo trader in the community.

Benue State Security Adviser, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Hemba (retd), who said he was given the report by an OPWS top official, informed the *Nigerian Tribune* that the troops worked on intelligence.

Hemba said: "Following a tip, troops of Sub-sector 2, Zaki-Biam, trailed the bandits through Yam market road as they were looking for escape routes.

"On sighting the troops, the bandits opened fire from inside a red Toyota Corolla wagon, but the troops responded with superior fire power and killed three of the bandits, while the abducted victim, Omemma Chimobi, was rescued in the vehicle."

Hemba added that the troops recovered one AK-47 rifle, three loaded magazines, one Toyota Corolla wagon, one desert camouflage, one woodland camouflage and mobile phones from the hoodlums.