

# Police kill five suspected kidnappers in Edo, rescue victim

**P**OLICE operatives in Edo State have killed five suspected kidnappers and rescued one Innocent Achebe (38) from their hide-out, the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* has reported. Achebe was rescued on

Sunday inside Ughosi-Afe bush in Ibilo, Akoko-Edo Local Government Area of the state, where he had been held in captivity for days.

This is contained in a statement by the deputy public relations officer of the state police command, ASP Jennifer

Iwegbu, on Monday, in Benin. Iwegbu said the operation was part of the command's commitment to rid the state of violent crime, including kidnapping.

"This feat was achieved following credible information at the command's disposal

that hoodlums suspected to be kidnappers were operating inside Ughosi-Afe bush, Ibilo, in Akoko-Edo Local Government Area of the state.

"On receipt of the information, the command immediately mobilised its tactical team of operatives from the

Ibillo, in collaboration with vigilantes and hunters, to the scene.

"The kidnappers, on sighting the operatives, opened fire on them, which led to a gun duel that left five of the kidnappers fatally injured. They were later confirmed

dead." She added that the victim who was rescued unhurt had been reunited with his family.

The police spokesperson said two locally-made pistols, charms and cartridges were recovered from the scene.

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