

Three Kidnappers Killed, Nine Arrested In Gun Duel With Police In Kwara

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Three members of a notorious kidnap gang and suspected cattle rustlers in Kwara State were killed in a gun duel with men and officers of the state Police command last weekend in Bode Sadu community, Moro local government area of the state.

A total of nine suspected kidnappers were also arrested after a gun duel with Policemen in their hideouts inside a thick forest of Eyenkorin, Asa local government area and Bode Sadu, Moro local government area, while some suspects escaped with bullets injuries.

Speaking with journalists in Ilorin on Monday, the state commissioner of Police, Paul Odama, said that the suspects were arrested with exhibits such as three locally made guns, and 10 cartridges, among other weapons.

“On the 22/1/2023 at about 0900HRS an intelligence available to the Divisional Police Officer, Bode Sadu to the effect that suspected kidnappers were in the bush along Balogun area, Bode Sadu in preparation to strike.

“The DPO mobilized vigilantes, hunters and policemen, stormed the bush and they engaged the kidnappers. During exchange of gunfire, three of the kidnappers were neutralized while two suspects Lagi Bala “Male” and Iliasu Idris “Male” were arrested with three locally made guns.

“The arrested suspects confessed to be kidnappers and cattle rustlers. They also confessed to be responsible for the series of kidnapping cases in Malete and Shao area of Kwara state.

The names of the neutralized members of the gang are; Bala Idris “Male”, Hassan Idris “Male”, and Baso Idris “Male”.

“Investigation is ongoing to arrest the remaining members of the kidnapping gang, while the two arrested suspects would be charged to court as soon as investigation is concluded,” the Police boss said.

“Similarly, on 21/1/2023 at about 1400HRS, the divisional Police officer of Eiyenkorin Division, with vigilante and local hunters in carrying out the directive of the commissioner of Police regarding a zero tolerance for kidnapping, they stormed the Eyenkorin thick forest to search the hide-outs of kidnappers.

“In the shooting encounter with the suspected kidnappers sighted in the bush, some suspects escaped with bullets injuries, while some were arrested.

“At about 1600HRS of 21/01/2023, information was received that one suspected Fulani man was seen with bullet wounds inside the bush within Eyenkorin, policeman traced and arrested the suspect, during interrogation the suspect confessed to be a member of a kidnapping syndicate that specializes in kidnapping people around Eyenkorin, Oko-olowo axis.

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He mentioned one Alhaji Anta now at large as the leader of the gang, other suspects arrested include (1) Buga Ali “Male” (2) Suleiman ISSAH ‘M’ AGE 20Years (3) AMINU BELLO ‘Male’ (4) SULEMAN BILIIYAH ‘Male’ AGE:21YRS (5) YAHAAHA ADAM ‘Male’ AGE: 20YRS they will all be charged to court as soon as investigation is over.