

Amotekun arrests Ogun kidnap gang member in Ondo, parades 25 other suspects

Apprehends two over alleged murder of herder in Ogun

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MEN of the Ondo State Security Network Agency also known as Amotekun, have arrested a member of a notorious kidnap gang terrorising residents of Ogun State in Okitipupa area of the state after shooting their victim dead.

A member of the gang was apprehended by Amotekun operatives in the state following intelligence report after killing their victims while other members of the gang ran away from the scene.

Speaking during the parade of the suspect with 25 other criminals arrested in the last one week in the state, the state Commander of Amotekun, Chief Adetunji Adeleye, said the kidnappers abducted the victim from Mowe area in Ogun State and travelled down to Ondo state before demanding for ransom.

Adeleye said the victim was however, shot dead while negotiations were still ongoing between the family and members of the syndicate without the family knowing the victim had been killed.

He said his men around Okitipupa who noticed the kidnappers' movement swooped on them and discovered the corpse of the victim, and apprehended one of them while others took to their heels.

"We have a pathetic case of a kidnap; the gang kidnapped and killed a victim who came from Ogun State.

"In the interest of collaboration, we contacted our Ogun State colleagues and we were able to find out the family of the victim and the suspect is here. The first part of that crime actually took place in Ogun State.

"So, we are set to hand over the suspect who had been on the wanted list of Ogun State police to them any moment from now," Adeleye said.

The suspect, who confessed to the crime said "I have participated in two previous kidnapping before I was arrested by men of the Amotekun from Ondo State. This is the third attempt and they have not paid us the ransom.

"Other members of the group ran away after the man was mistakenly shot dead. We did not plan to kill him but the leader of the group mistakenly pulled the trigger and he was hit and he died on the spot.

"We have not received the ransom but we are still negotiating and we did not kill him deliberately"

The Amotekun Commander also disclosed that two suspects who pretended to be mentally derailed were arrested in the state.

According to him, one of the suspects hacked his 84-year-old landlord to death with axe in Idanre, while the other suspect was found with an android phone with some recent call logs to some individuals.

Adeleye noted that the suspects who had been constituting security risk and nuisance were arrested within the state in the last one week, saying they are suspected to be working for either kidnapers or ritual killers.

He stated further "We have other syndicate of armed robbers that operate on the highways that were caught in the act.

"Some of them actually opened fire on our men on patrol while they were caught in the act of armed robbery.

"All of them totalling 26 have been profiled and in conjunction with the office of the public prosecution we will take them through the normal prosecution process," he said.

The Amotekun commander reassured the good people of the state that the corps would continue to work hard to ensure that the society is rid of criminal activities, while relying on their support for timely information message for the criminals is that there's no hiding place for them in Ondo State," he added.

In the same vein, the Ogun State Security Network Agency (Amotekun Corps, has apprehended two person at Imeko-Afon area of the state over alleged conspiracy and murder of one Umaru Aliu.

This was contained in a statement e-signed by the Corps Commandant, CP David Akinremi (rtd), that the suspects conspired and murdered Aliu, a herder, at Ijagure village, Sagada area of the town.

The Amotekun Corps Commander explained that the crime was perpetrated on Sunday 30th April, 2023 at Imeko-Afon while the deceased and one Umaru Takake were grazing their cattle in the bush near the village.

Akinremi further said that a suspect armed with a locally made single barrel gun was accompanied by four other persons, trailed the herders, and allegedly shot the deceased on a farmland, while Takake narrowly escaped unhurt.

The statement reads, "On the same day at about 2000hours, the suspects allegedly contacted another person to assist in dismembering the corpse at the scene of crime.

"He obliged in the presence of other cohorts. One of them took away the head of the deceased to an unknown destination.

"Thereafter, the remaining parts of the dismembered body was packed in a sack and buried in a pit near Oyan River at Oke-Ayo village in Imeko.

"The two arrested suspects on further interrogation admitted their various roles in the dastardly criminal act and took operatives of the Corps to the scene where the remaining parts of the body were dumped with several parts missing.

"Meanwhile, the prime suspects were said to have been arrested by Ojoo Police Division, Oyo State for the same offence, while three others are still at large.

"Consequently, the suspects are being transferred to Ogun State Police Headquarters, Elewera, Abeokuta for further action and prosecution."

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