

# 4 killed as kidnappers engage policemen in gun duel in Ogun State

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FOUR suspected kidnappers allegedly terrorising residents of Ogun State lost their lives during a gun duel between them and policemen from the Zone 2 Police Formation, comprising Lagos and Ogun states.

Some of the kidnappers were said to have been recruited from Niger Republic and Chad.

The image maker in charge of the zone, Hauwa Idris-

Adamu, in a statement on Friday said some of the kidnappers escaped with bullet wounds.

"On 6th May, 2023, at about 1800hrs, intelligence was given to the AIG Ari Mohammed Alifcia, that a syndicate of kidnappers terrorising Abeokuta (the capital of Ogun State) and its environs were seen somewhere suspected to be their hideout.

"Consequently, a team of detectives from the Zonal

Monitoring Unit swung into action. On sighting the Police in their hideout at a forest at Ibara Orile, Ogun State, the kidnappers engaged the detectives in a gun duel in which four kidnappers were neutralised, while others escaped with bullet wounds.

"Thereafter, when the hideout was searched, one unregistered Bajaj Motorcycle, four AK47 rifles, six magazines loaded with 20

live ammunition, 10 expended ammunition were recovered.

"Further investigation into the incident revealed that members of the syndicate were drawn from different parts of the country, while some of them came from neighbouring countries of Niger and Chad respectively."

The police image maker also added that "efforts are on top gear to arrest the others."