

Suspected kidnap kingpin, sea pirate killed in Akwa Ibom

THE police command in Akwa Ibom says it has neutralised a suspected kidnap kingpin and sea pirate.

According to the *New Agency of Nigeria (NAN)*, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Timfon John, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), announced this to

newsmen in Uyo on Thursday.

She said that the suspect was neutralised on Wednesday, during a gun battle with operatives of the command in his hideouts of Uyanga community in Cross River State.

She said that One G3 rifles with four live ammunition were recovered from the sus-

pect.

She also said that the suspect's remains had been deposited at the morgue, while investigations with the intent to arrest other members of the gang were ongoing.

"The suspect, a gang leader of bling bling marine strike force terrorising Uruan/Oron

waterways, was responsible for kidnapping of a high court judge and the killing of her police orderly.

"The kingpin was also responsible for the gruesome murder of another prominent person in the state and the kidnapping of his sales representative, among other persons."