

# Police rescue kidnap victims, arrest 17 for murder in Imo, Ebonyi

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OPERATIVES of the Imo State police command have rescued four kidnapped victims in Umuokanne area of Ohaji Local Government Area (LGA) of the state.

This was contained in a statement made available to newsmen in Abuja on Sunday by the Force Public Relations Officer (FPRO), ACP Muyiwa Adejobi.

According to the statement, the operation was carried out on Saturday after the operatives received a distress call reporting the abduction of four persons in Umuokanne.

③ It explained that consequently, police operatives swung into action, locating the criminal hideout and en-

gaging the kidnappers in a gun duel, during which two of the kidnappers were killed.

According to Adejobi, the success of the operation led to the rescue of the four victims and the recovery of one AK-47 rifle, one AK-47 magazine and 21 rounds of live 7.62mm ammunition.

④ The statement added that in another development, on January 3, police operatives attached to the Ebonyi State command arrested 17 suspects in Enohia Itim village, Afikpo Local Government Area for the murder of one Uromchi Okorocho.

The youth had earlier accused the deceased of being involved in the killing of several individuals through alleged witchcraft and spiritual means.