

② Police kill seven kidnapers, nine armed robbers, nab 300 suspects in Abuja

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OPERATIVES of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) police command have killed seven kidnapers, nine armed robbers and apprehended 300 criminal suspects, just as they recovered exhibits in the process.

FCT Commissioner of Police, Tunji Disu, disclosed this to newsmen on Wednesday, at the command's headquarters in Abuja, during a press briefing and display of exhibits.

According to Disu, the command intensified its operations, carrying out series of high-impact raids from January till March, stating decisive actions, driven by intelligence and executed with tactical precision, led to the arrest of 300 suspects and the recovery of significant cache of arms, ammunition and illicit substances.

Disu said: "In a decisive move against banditry and kidnapping, the Anti-Kidnapping Unit of the command conducted clearance operations in known bandit routes and kidnapers' hideouts at FCT-Kaduna boundary -- Raid operations were conducted at Gidan-Dogo village and Kweri forest; FCT-Niger forest -- Clearance operations were executed at Gauraka forest, FCT-Nasarawa forest -- Raid operations were launched at Sardauna forest.

"During these special operations, seven kidnapers were killed, while several others

were arrested. These proactive measures have significantly disrupted the activities of criminal elements operating along these notorious corridors.

"As a result of these sustained efforts, 300 suspects were apprehended and are currently undergoing thorough profiling and screening. Those found culpable will be charged to court, ensuring that justice is served, while those cleared of wrongdoing will be duly released.

"Total number of armed robbers arrested is 59. Total number of kidnapers and informants arrested is 10. Total number of armed robbers killed is nine; total number of kidnapers killed is seven, while total number of cultists arrested is 16."

Disu added that the operations also led to the recovery of dangerous weapons and illicit substances, including: 18 AK-47 rifles, 23 AK-47 magazines, two CZ scorpion A1 rifles with magazines.

Others are, nine English pistols, seven pistol magazines, two dane guns, 116 rounds of 7.62mm live ammunition, 102 rounds of .9mm live ammunition, seven live cartridges and one expended cartridge shell.

Also recovered are seven locally-made pistols, four locally-made shotguns, three axes, four cutlasses, 15 daggers, nine pairs of scissors, 31 bottles of codeine syrup, among others.