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## N'Delta: Three suspected kidnappers die in JTF custody

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The mysterious deaths of three suspected kidnappers in the custody of the Joint Task Force in the Niger Delta, Operation Restore Hope on Wednesday in Delta State have sent tongues wagging.

The youths, whose remains were dumped at the premises of the Quick Response Squad, a police formation in Warri, in the early hours of Wednesday, were arrested by the operatives of JTF in connection with the abduction of a Lebanese, Mr. Jack Farees, working with a construction firm, Niger Cat Nigeria Limited on Tuesday morning.

Farees was abducted on the NPA Expressway, Ekpan in Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State, on his way to work.

The suspects were paraded before journalists shortly after their arrest on Tuesday and later taken into custody apparently for interrogation.

However, they were brought out dead on Wednesday in unclear circumstances.

Residents of Warri trooped out in large numbers to catch a glimpse of their remains before they were taken away for burial at a public cemetery in the town.

The deceased were identified as Yinkore Dengha, 37; Kingsley Obodo, 33 and Collins Godfrey, 31.

It was learnt that an AK-47 rifle, a pump action shotgun and several unexpended cartridges were recovered from the suspects when the troops stormed the hide-out where the expatriate was being held at Okuokoko community in Okpe Local Government Area of Delta State.

Our correspondent learnt that the troops, who acted on a tip-off, freed the foreign national and apprehended suspects.

They were later detained on Tuesday night.

The source said, "You know we have cases in which these hoodlums, after regaining their freedom through the connivance of the police or the courts, later go back into the nefarious activities."

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