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## Police kill two suspected kidnappers, arrest two others

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**T**he Niger State Police Command in collaboration with the Inspector-General of Police Special Tactical Operation Unit has busted two notorious kidnap gangs that have been terrorising the area for some time.

The gangs, which specialise in kidnapping rich and influential people in the state for ransom, recently abducted a former senator around the Suleja area of the state.

Saturday PUNCH learnt

that the Police and the IGP's special squad killed two of the suspected kidnappers along the Kaduna-Abuja highway.

Police Public Relations Officer in Niger State, Bala Elkana, confirmed that one of the suspects escaped with bullet wounds.

According to Elkana, one AK 47 rifle with 105 rounds of ammunition, handsets used to contact relations of victims and an Opel car were recovered from the suspects.

He said efforts were on to apprehend the fleeing suspects and that "very soon we will rid the state of kidnappers."

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