

Police kill six gunmen in Ogun

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Ogun State Police Commissioner, Ahmed Iliyasu

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The Ogun State Police Command said its operatives on Tuesday stormed the hideout of suspected kidnappers in a forest in the Fidiwo area, along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

Six of the suspects were reportedly killed during an exchange of gunfire with operatives of the Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad.

Two of the policemen were said to have sustained gunshot wounds in the bloody encounter.

The command said the slain suspects had been on the wanted list of the police for about a year over their nefarious activities on the expressway.

They were said to have sacked a whole village in the area and turned the community to their hideout.

From the hideout, they also allegedly moved to highways to rob motorists and other travellers of their belongings.

The state Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Iliyasu, who led journalists to the hideout, said the suspects had earlier kidnapped two medical doctors of the University College Teaching Hospital, Ibadan, who were going to Lagos for a programme.

He, however, said the doctors were later rescued by operatives of the FSARS.

The police boss said he ordered the Officer-in-Charge of FSARS, Uba Adam, to go after the hoodlums.

He said, “There was a criminal gang that had been festering around this thick forest and operating around Onigari, Fidiwo and Sapade areas.

“They adopted guerrilla tactics; they moved to highways, attacked individuals, robbed them and took them hostage.

“They kept some of their victims in these buildings in the heart of the thick forest, and demanded ransom.

“As a result of painstaking efforts, dedication, and professionalism of the men of the FSARS through technical intelligence, we were able to discover their den and the war was taken into this area early this morning (Tuesday).

“Two of our men were wounded, but they are safe and are receiving treatment.”