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Police raid Rivers kidnappers' den, kill one, recover arms

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The Rivers State Police Command on Saturday raided suspected kidnappers' den in Ogu/Bolo Local Government Area of the state, killing one fleeing suspect in the process.

The police also recovered a cache of arms and ammunition reportedly used by the gang to terrorise motorists and passengers along the Ogoni-Uyo axis of East-West Road.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Nnamdi Omoni, disclosed this while speaking with journalists in Port Harcourt.

Arms and ammunition recovered from the hoodlums are one GPMG, one SMG and two G-3 rifles, one rocket launcher, five pump action guns and 933 rounds of 7.62mm live ammunition.

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Others are: 1,111 rounds of 5.56mm, 222 rounds of 9mm, 909 rounds of 7.62mm, 74 rounds of 9mm of live ammunition, 728 live cartridges, four AK-47 magazines, two G-3 magazines and one SMG magazine.

Omoni said, “The hoodlums who took flight on sighting the police, are alleged to be responsible for the kidnappings and robberies along the Ogoni-Uyo area of the East-West Road.

“One of the kidnappers, Samuel Napoo, who had earlier been arrested and whose confession led police to the forest, however, attempted to escape but was immediately demobilised with a shot in his leg. He was rushed to UPTH, where he was confirmed dead.”

He said efforts had been intensified to arrest the fleeing members of the gang.