

Army kills suspected kidnapper, rescues victims in Ondo

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The men of the 32 Artillery Brigade of the Nigerian Army, Akure, have killed a bandit during a foiled kidnapping and armed robbery operation along Ibilo-Isua Road in Igarra village in the Akoko North-West Local Government Area of Ondo State.

The Commander of the brigade, Brigadier-General Zakari Abubakar, stated this on Wednesday in Akure, the state capital.

The army boss said the troops, who were on patrol with other security agencies, encountered a group of hoodlums suspected to be kidnappers while the bandits were attempting to abduct some travellers on the road.

He said, “The bandits attempted to kidnap three travellers in a gold-painted Toyota Highlander 2006 model with number plate, AKD 55 GS.

“On sighting the troops, the kidnappers tried to engage them in a gun battle, but were defeated due to the troops’ firepower. This resulted in the killing of one of the kidnappers, while others escaped into the forest with varying degrees of gunshot wounds.”

Zakari noted that after the incident, three of the kidnapped victims were rescued and some items were recovered at the scene of the incident.

According to him, the recovered items are N350,770, a cutlass, 11/2 sachet of tramadol hydrochloride(100mg) and one Itel phone.

The commander advised the public to give useful information on any suspected criminals and their hideout to the security agencies in the state.