

Fulani youths, police, others kill kidnapper in Ogun forest

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BARELY 24 hours after the police in Ogun State killed two suspected kidnappers in a forest in the state, another suspected kidnapper has been gunned down by the police.

One other suspect was reportedly arrested at the Ilala forest in Imala, in the Abeokuta-North Local Government Area of the state.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, in a statement on Tuesday, said the armed kidnappers were six in number.

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The state Police Public Relations Officer, Willy Aya, said he had yet to be briefed about the incident and promised to contact our correspondent later.

He had yet to do so as of the time of filing this report.

policemen at the Imala station received a tip-off of their presence in the area and stormed the forest.

He said the police were joined by hunters, vigilantes, So-Safe Corps, as well as Fulani youths.

The PPRO said, "On getting to the scene, the hoodlums, who sighted the team from afar, opened fire on them, and the team engaged them in a gun duel. In the process, one of the hoodlums was gunned down, while another one, who identified himself as Usman Maidama, was arrested.

"Other members of the gang escaped into the bush with gunshot injuries. Recovered from them were one single-barrelled gun, one face mask and two pairs of sandals.

"The command's onslaught operations against bandits have been yielding positive results. Four AK-47 rifles have been recovered from the hoodlums within the last three weeks, while some of the bandits have

met their Waterloo during exchange of fire within the same period."

Oyeyemi said the state Commissioner of Police, Edward Ajogun, had ordered the transfer of the case to the anti-kidnapping unit of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department for discreet investigation.

Housewife remanded

Oluwatosin Omojuyigbe

TEN-YEAR-OLD Ifunanya is currently battling for her life in an undisclosed hospital in Abia State after she was allegedly scalded with hot water by her employer, Ojiugo David.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the victim lived with David at their residence on Aba Road, in the Umuahia area of the state.

It was alleged that the suspect on Sunday boiled water and mixed it with pepper.

She was reported to have forced Ifunanya to drink it.

A witness, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the water scalded the lips of the victim and destroyed her voice box.