

Osun police, Fulani vigilantes kill 1 suspected kidnapper, arrest one

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OPERATIVES of the Osun State Police Command and some Fulani vigilantes have rescued a man, Mohammed Gembu, abducted from a Fulani settlement in Erefe village, Ile-Ife.

The team also arrested a suspect, Malami Muhammad, in connection with the crime.

The spokesperson for the police command, Yemisi Opalola, in a statement on Tuesday, said some suspected kidnappers stormed a Fulani settlement in the Erefe area around 3am on Sunday and

abducted Gembu.

Upon receipt of the complaint at 'C' Division, Aganhun, Ile-Ife, Opalola said police operatives moved to the scene and arrested Muhammad after exchange of gunfire.

During the shootout, one Babuga was killed, while another suspect escaped.

The statement read in part, "The brief fact of the case is that on April 17, 2022, around 11.30am, the complainant reported at 'C' Division, Aganhun, Ile-Ife, that some suspected kidnappers came to their area at the Fulani settlement, Erefe area, Ondo Road, Ile-Ife, around 3am of the same date, and kidnapped one Muhammed Gembu.

"Immediately the police received the report, detectives swung into action and arrested a suspect, Malami Muhammad, after a gun duel, while one Babuga, surname yet unknown, was fatally wounded while one other escaped.

"Also, the victim was rescued unhurt with the assistance of Fulani vigilantes in the community. The arrested suspect will be charged to court after the conclusion of investigation."

She urged members of the public to give timely information that would assist the police to nip crime in the bud.

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Baba, has ordered a review of police personnel and operational assets deployment to schools and colleges in the country.

The Force Public Relations Officer, Muyiwa Adejobi, in a statement on Tuesday, said the order was to ensure schools were safe and secure for students across the country.

Adejobi said the review was a result of some isolated incidents reported in some schools in the country.