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"The family of my husband should forgive me. I am call-

she had with the late Egberise is her primary concern now. Amidst tears, she re-

Adebanjo stated that the suspect would be charged to court for murder.

# Police rescue kidnapped Chinese executives

## Recover 160 arms, 3000 bullets

**T**wo Chinese business executives rescued by men of the Ogun State Police Command in Shotubo village, near Sagamu, Ogun State, couldn't be happier being alive to witness the New Year as free men.

The duo of Songjiang Shem and Zhang Wenxue, executives of LEE Group, a Chinese company, were abducted by gunmen suspected to be kidnappers.

Following the abduction of the Chinese, word got to the Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) in-charge of Zone 2, Mr Mamman Tsafe, who alerted the Ogun State Commissioner of Police, Mr Ikemefuna Okoye.

As *Sunday Sun* learnt from Okoye, the alleged kidnappers held the Chinese hostage in their own house for two hours before men of the Mobile Police Squad 16, including policemen from Ogijo Police Division stormed the hideout of the kidnappers.

Explaining how the Chinese were rescued, Okoye said: "We cordoned off the entire area, which is about three kilometers off the Sagamu, Ogun State/Ikorodu Road, Lagos. We surrounded

the house where the kidnappers were holding them hostage. The kidnappers began shooting at my men who responded in kind. During the shootout, one of the kidnappers was fatally injured while the other gang members escaped with bullet wounds."

Okoye stated that the police recovered three locally made pistols with some live cartridges, masks, some handsets, dangerous weapons and a BMW car with registration No. CR737 LSD from the kidnappers. He added that 160 arms and over 3000 rounds of live ammunition were recovered from criminals in their various hideouts and many robbers arrested.

He said the success recorded by the Command was the result of the 24-hour patrols of the major highways in the State, including the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway and the Sagamu-Ijebu-Ode, which led to the arrest of over 300 armed robbers from January to December 2013.

He recalled an instance when a team of Special Anti Robbery Squad, (SARS) received information that some robbers were coming

from Lagos, through Agbado/Ijoko axis in a convoy of cars.

"The team laid ambush at Abule Ijoko area and a gun battle ensued. When it was over, three robbers were killed, one was arrested while the others fled with gunshot wounds," Okoye said.

The police recovered one Mazda 626 saloon car without registration number; one pump action gun, loaded with three live cartridges; one locally made pistol and AK-47 magazine loaded with seven rounds of live ammunition; one empty AK 47 magazine, 12 expended rounds and four expended cartridges.

Similarly policemen attached to the Ifo Division of the State while on routine patrol got a tip-off that a robbery gang was operating in the neighbourhood. SARS operatives moved to the scene and arrested the boys at Ifo and Agege. A locally made pistol was recovered from them. Six more suspects were apprehended at Ifo, Agbado and abattoir area of Agege, Lagos. Also the police arrested one Sikiru Oyebanji, the gang's alleged



Recovered guns

supplier of weapons.

Okoye commended the Inspector-General of Police, Mr Mohammed D. Abubakar, for giving the police a true and reliable leadership, saying the police under his leadership has been transformed.

He allayed the fears of travelers on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway and Shagamu-Ijebu-Ode Expressway saying the armed robbers were being confronted headlong. He said his men had been equipped to tackle notorious criminals, especially armed robbers, who operate on the highways.

He reiterated the determination of the Command to make Ogun State uncomfortable for men of the under-



Okoye, Ogun State CP

world, stressing that protection of lives and property of the general public remained the top priority of the Police Command, and solicited for the cooperation of the public.