

live ammunition and 10 live magazines among others.

Ibinabo Lawson, Okechukwu Okoro, Jerry Tonye and

his administration, ahead of 2015 general elections.

pects to the police.

Notorious kidnappers, 27 others nabbed

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Kogi State Police Command yesterday swooped on the hide-out of a notorious gang of kidnappers led by Kabiru Bala aka Okwor who had been terrorizing the state.

Bala who had been on the wanted list of the police since 2012 was said to be the mastermind of a series of kidnappings, armed robberies and killing of innocent citizens in the state.

While parading the kidnappers, the state police commissioner, Mr Seidu Madawaki said Bala had been declared wanted for a series of capital offences which he perpetrated in Ejule and some parts of the state.

According to the CP, the suspect who was said to be initially trained as a political thug, sometime in 2008 along with one Sunday Jeremiah and some Ejule boys attacked and snatched nine vehicles belonging to some councilors in Ofu local government area of the state.

He was also alleged to have in October 2009 torched the multi-million naira Pranco Hotel owned by one Chief Akwu Obaje, the former Ogohi of Ejule.

Also in November 2009, the police boss said the same suspect and his gang invaded Akpagidigbo and Umomi villages both in Ofu local government area and killed three innocent people.

Kabiru Bala with his gang were also alleged to have stormed a marriage ceremony at Ofante in Ofu local government where they

allegedly abducted and killed one Yunusa Moses Alkali.

The suspects were also accused of several kidnappings of innocent people including the traditional ruler of Bala's community which later led to their arrest.

The CP also paraded 27 other suspects charged with various offences ranging from car theft, unlawful possession of firearms, robbery, murder and cultism.

Madawaki said the suspects would be arraigned in court as soon as police completes investigations.

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