Police, Army kill kidnap suspect, rescue victim

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policemen and soldiers yesterday shot dead a kidnap suspect in Onitsha, Anambra State yesterday, and rescued a man who had been kidnapped for some days.

It was gathered that the rescue operation took place at the 3-3 Area of Onitsha where the

joint security team engaged the kidnappers in a gun duel, resulting in the death of one of them while the others escaped.

Daily Sun gathered that the kidnappers had taken their victim, whose identity was not immediately known, to an unknown destination, while the family waited in vain for the kidnappers to establish contact with them.

However, the police eventually received information that the victim was kept in an uncompleted building in a remote area at the 3-3 area by his abductors.

Consequently, the police contacted the Army Barracks in Onitsha, and some soldiers were drafted to join the police in the rescue operation which lasted for about one hour.

A police source, who did not want his name in print, told Daily Sun that as soon as the kidnappers sighted the rescue team they opened fire on the team and that at the end of the fierce gun battle, one of the kidnappers was found dead, while others fled the scene with bullet wounds.

When contacted, Anambra State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Emeka Chukwue-meka (DSP), said he was yet to receive any signal to that effect.

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