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### • Police arrest 60 suspects, recover large arms cache

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Men of the Edo State Police Command justifiably jumped for joy when their dragnet caught 60 suspects alleged to have been responsible for various crimes ranging from kidnapping, armed robbery, cultism, defilement to forgery and stealing.

The command also recovered a large cache of arms and ammunition in separate raids at hideouts of the alleged criminals.

Edo State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Foluso Adebanjo who addressed the media after the suspects were paraded said that six of the suspects confessed that they kidnapped and murdered Dr. Sunday Eruzegbua on November 29, 2013.

The suspects, Archibong Savior, Ofeimu Luke, Okhualeigbe Ehikioya Ekanem Effiong Nyakno, Effiong Udoh Emmanuel and Monday Samson, were also alleged to have kidnapped one Mr. Collins last year at Ekpoma on Christmas Day; they also admitted kidnapping Dr. A. Julius in Ekpoma and another man whose name was given as Clement.

The Commissioner disclosed that the Police used both covert and overt intelligence to arrest the suspects and recovered one AK 47 rifle, one sawn-off single barrel gun, 70 rounds of AK47 ammunition, 20 expended cartridges, N50,000 cash and one Toyota Camry car with the registration number KRD 406 CE from six suspects.

Also paraded was one Peter Omoregbe, a 42-year-old stepfather who was alleged to have defiled a nine-year-old girl. The girl's mother was said to have discovered bloodstains on her daughter's underwear while washing clothes and questioned the young girl.

The girl reportedly revealed that her stepfather threatened her not nybody about what he did. The police boss also disclosed that two brothers, Than..\_\_\_..ada and Moses Abada, whose ages were respectively given as 17 and 15 years, defiled an 11-year-old girl in

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