

## In Abia, 450 suspected robbers, kidnappers nabbed

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**THE** Abia State Police Command arrested over 450 suspected armed robbers, kidnappers, and child traffickers, rescued 70 victims and recovered 100 arms and ammunition in the past one year.

Commissioner of Police, Mr. Joshak Habila, said during the year under review, the command had series of encounters with kidnappers and rescued victims from their dens:

"We also had encounters with child traffickers. Child trafficking is so rampant in the name of maternity and motherless home. We were able to checkmate them and closed down the illegal motherless and maternity homes."

He stated that the command recovered over 30 arms and ammunition when kidnappers attempted to adopt one Chibuike of Amaclepu in Isiala Ngwa North Local Government. He said police engaged in a gun duel, a gang of four armed robbers killing one of them. One axe, charms, 20 expended AK47 ammunition, seven expended cartridges, one double barrel gun and one Zambia long gun were recovered.

Habila said two suspected armed robbers from Umuosu village, Afugiri Ohuhu, in Umuahia North Local Government were arrested. Recovered from them were a locally made pistol, live ammunition, charm and one black cap, adding that a stolen vehicle was later recovered at Uznakoli.

The CP disclosed that one Stella, staff of a third generation bank in Abuja, who was kidnapped was rescued by police: "Policemen stormed the kidnappers' den when they were about to collect a N3million ransom placed on the banker. The kidnappers escaped and abandoned their arms and ammunition."

He said police operatives while on patrol intercepted and rescued one Rachael in Port Harcourt Rivers State: "The victim was kidnapped and brought to Aba by Kingsley and Chinonso, both of Amayi Nwosi in Isiala Ngwa South L.G."

Habila stated that in Umuahia, policemen pursued two robbery suspects, Michael and Ogbounaya after snatching a *Lexus Jeep R330* which they took to Imo State: "Police also intercepted an *Audi 80* car with Reg. NO AY291ABN with a woman and three others on board.



• Habila