

Kidnap of pregnant woman, 2-year old child foiled

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A suspected member of a five-man kidnap gang operating in Issele-Uku, Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State has been killed during an exchange of fire with security operatives.

The gang had kidnapped a pregnant woman and her two-year old son between Obior and Onicha-Ugbo, near Issele-Uku along the Benin-Asaba-Onitsha expressway on Thursday.

Community sources said the victims were travelling from Enugu to Lagos in their private vehicle, and had a brief stop-over at the spot where the hoodlums stuck.

But the swift intervention of security operatives who acted on a tip-off saved the victims from being held captive against their wish.

Saturday Sun gathered on sighting a team of security operatives trailing them, the hoodlums opened fire, and in the ensuing gun duel, one of the hoodlums fell to the superior fire power of security operatives.

Seeing that one of them had fallen, other members of the gang who were still holding on to the victims, freed them and took to their heels, a situation that led to the rescue of the pregnant woman and her son unhurt.

A security source told our correspondent that the corpse of the deceased suspect was brought to the headquarters of the Delta State Police Command in Asaba before it was deposited at the mortuary.

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