

Police rescue woman, kill five suspected kidnappers in Cross River

THE Special Anti-Robbery Squad of the Cross River State Police Command has rescued a lady and killed five suspected kidnappers in Ikom Local Government Area of the state.

Spokesperson for the command, ASP Irene Ugbo, disclosed this yesterday in Calabar. She said the suspected kidnappers had been under the watch

of the police for four-days after the kidnapping occurred.

She explained that the SARS unit, on gathering intelligence, traced the kidnappers to their hideout in the bush where the shooting occurred.

"Our men (Wednesday) had an encounter with some kidnappers in Ikom Local Government Area while

trying to rescue an abducted woman in their captivity.

"During the process of rescuing the victim, the kidnappers engaged our men in an exchange of fire and we were able to rescue the woman while five of the kidnappers were shot dead. We also arrested two of the kidnappers and our men are bringing them down

to Calabar as we speak," she said.

The spokesperson urged members of the public to always avail the command with timely and useful information that would help it to respond to emergency cases on time.

Army repels Boko Haram attack in Adamawa

By **Henry Umahi**

TROOPS of 28 Task Force Brigade, Operation Lafiya Dole, on Monday, November 6, 2017, successfully repelled a Boko Haram terrorist (BHT) attack on Gulak, Madagali Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

Making the disclosure, director of Army Public Relations, Brigadier General Sani Kukasheka Usman, said, "The troops fought gallantly to repel the terrorists who attempted to infiltrate Gulak town. The troops thwarted the terrorists by neutralising a vehicle-borne improvised explosive

device (VBIED) trying to ram into a stationery gun truck in order to gain access into their location.

"Unfortunately, the shrapnel from the detonated VBIED killed a soldier and injured three others. The remains of the soldier have been evacuated while the injured are receiving medical attention in a military hospital.

"In another development, troops of 28 Task Force Brigade, in conjunction with civilian vigilante, on Tuesday, November 7, neutralised two female suicide bombers at Waga Lawan in Madagali Local Government Area of Adamawa State. The two female sui-

cide bombers were challenged while fleeing from the bush but refused all efforts to halt them. On sighting the suicide vest on them, they were neutralised by the troops.

"The decimated BHTs are more desperate and resorting to persons and vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices to attack soft targets and vulnerable members of the populace.

"The general public is requested to be vigilant and continue to volunteer information of strange persons and movements to the security agencies."

183 former aides of Yuguda drag state to court over N600m severance package

From **Paul Orude** Bauchi

NO fewer than 183 former political office holders under the immediate past governor of Bauchi State, Malam Isa Yuguda, have dragged the state government and the Attorney-General of the state to the National Industrial Court of Nigeria in Bauchi over unpaid severance package totalling over N600 million.

Speaking with journalists at the court premises in Bauchi yesterday,