

Police kill 10 suspected kidnappers in Delta

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TEN suspected kidnappers, at the weekend, met their Waterloo as they were neutralised by the police in the Kwale area of Delta State.

Delta State Police Spokesman, DSP Bright Edafe, in a statement, yesterday, said: "The Command has, again, recorded another major success in the fight against crime and criminality in the state. This is as a result of the strategies put in place by Commissioner of Police, Delta State, Mr. Ari Muhammed Ali.

"Following killings, arsons, kidnapping, armed robbery attacks on innocent civilians and policemen while on duty, and their rifles taken away, the Command never relented on its effort towards arresting and ensuring that the hoodlums are brought to book.

"Consequently, the Command went on intelligence led investigation, and on May 21, at about 5am, the Commissioner of Police, detailed a combined team of the State Anti-Kidnapping/Cybercrime Squad, Dragon patrol teams,

RRS Operatives, and anti-cult volunteers from Agbor, Ekwoma, Igbodo, Ibusa, Abavo, Kwale respectively. The combined team embarked on a sting operation and stormed the hideouts of daredevil kidnappers/armed robbers around the Kwale axis.

"The hoodlums, who were armed with AK47 rifles and charms, on sighting the po-

lice shot sporadically at them, and the team equally engaged them in a fierce gun battle. Due to the superior firepower of the police, 10 of the suspected kidnappers/armed robbers were successfully neutralised, while others escaped with gunshot injuries. Five AK 47 rifles, six magazines and 117 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition were recovered from

them."

The commissioner of police, while assuring residents that the Command will continue to sustain the tempo, also urged members of the public, vigilantes, anti-cult volunteers, and other non state actors, to continue to partner with the police, with a view to ensuring that the state will never be a safe haven for criminals.

Arrested "killer" land grabber in fresh murder mess

By **Christopher Oji**

MORE revelations have emerged on the past criminal activities of an alleged deadly land grabber, popularly known as "killer", who was arrested by the operatives of the Department of State Security (DSS) in the Ikeshi area of Obasanjo, along Idiroko road, in Ogun State.

It was gathered that the detained land grabber, who is being investigated by the DSS operatives has, again, been linked with the death of one Idowu Arinadegbo, who was murdered in 2013, in the same Ikeshi community.

The land terror was arrested for allegedly killing two people, Monday Eredua and Moruf Babalola, in 2021, in the Ipetu Baba Ode community in the Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government Area of Ogun State. Members of the Isile Gbo Isele Gblobalabalaya family, in a petition to the director of the Ogun State command of DSS, accused the detained suspect of killing Arinadegbo.

The family also described it as surprising, while the Director of Public Prosecution in Ogun State has not given any legal advice on the murder of Arinadegbo since 2013.

Meanwhile, Isile Obalaya's family commended the DSS

for arresting "killer", who, according to them, was invincible and above the law, also called on the security agency to use the opportunity of his arrest to investigate the murder of Arinadegbo since 2013.

In a letter by the family's lawyer, A. Popoola, to the DSS, the family said: "Our client firstly commend the efforts of the DSS for her efforts in apprehending Elijah Adeogun, a.k.a 'Bullet, Killer'

"It is no doubt that the officers of the DSS, who carried out the tedious operation are men of good character and worthy to be commended," the family also stated.

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