

Police rescue 3 kidnapped traditional worshipers, arrest murder suspect in Edo

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From **Ighomuaye Lucky**, Benin

Edo State Police Command, yesterday, rescued three traditional worshipers who were kidnapped in the State.

It was gathered that the victims were abducted on their way to worship at the river along Benin -Abraka road in Orhionmwon Local Government Area.

The Deputy Public Relations Officer of the command, ASP Jennifer U. Iwegbu, said operatives at Ugo division received a complaint that hoodlums suspected to be kidnappers accosted and whisked into the bush three traditional worshipers who had gone to a river, along the Benin-Abraka road for prayers.

She said upon receipt of the information, the police immediately mobilised its operatives to the scene in hot pursuit of the hoodlums and possible rescue of the victims.

Iwegbu further stated that the hoodlums, sensing the presence of the operatives on their trail, were forced to abandon their victims and flee into the bush. She added that the victims have since been reunited with their families, while intense bush combing was still ongoing to neutralise or arrest the hoodlums.

Similarly, the command has also arrested one Favour Oyhou, who allegedly stabbed her boyfriend to death in Auchi.

“Sequel to the incident of 23/7/2022, at about 1930hrs in Auchi, Edo State, where One Paul Handsome, 25 years, was reported to have been stabbed to death by his girlfriend, one Favour Oyhou, and went into hiding.

“Consequent upon this dastardly act, the Commissioner of Police, Abutu Yaro, immediately ordered the Area Commander and Divisional Police Officer in charge of Auchi to smoke out the fleeing girl unhurt, however, the command wishes to inform the general public that following credible intelligence gathering by operatives of the command, the suspect was arrested in Benin, on 25/7/2022, at about 2245hrs.

“Discreet investigation has commenced and the suspect is making useful information and will be charged to court soon,” the command said in a statement.