

# Security operatives kill 2 suspected kidnappers, rescue UNICAL student

From **Judex Okoro**, Calabar

**A** crack team of security operatives have rescued a 24-year-old law student of the University of Calabar, Cross River State, and killed two suspected kidnappers.

The law student, Deborah Effiom, was abducted at her residence, No.17 Joseph Mkpang street, Calabar Municipality, on August 31, 2022, by five gun-trotting men.

The kidnappers had stormed their residence and beat up her father before whisking the victim away in her mother's grey-colour Toyota Corolla 2010 model. Since her abduction, a combined team of security operatives, including the police, army and air force had been on their trail until they broke through, following a series of intelligence gathering. The family had paid N5 million as ransom.

Confirming the rescue of

the student yesterday, in Calabar, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Irene Ugbo, disclosed that two out of the five suspects were neutralised, while the victim was rescued during the operation.

Ugbo said N5 million ransom paid to secure her freedom was also recovered from the abductors who used a POS operator as their receiver.

Narrating how they went about the operation, she said: "After they picked up the girl, they took her to an unknown destination, not knowing we were on their trail.

They demanded money for their victim's feeding and N50,000 was paid through a POS operator who is now in our custody.

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## 4 killed as car runs over by-standers in Delta

From **Paul Osuyi**, Asaba

**FOUR** people, including three males and one female, reportedly died in Asaba, Delta State, when a speeding blue Lexus salon car ran over a group of passengers waiting to board vehicles to various destinations.

The accident was said to have occurred on Sunday, at the Okpanam Junction in the Asaba axis of the Benin-Asaba-Onitsha Highway.

A witness said the accident resulted in traffic gridlock,

adding that the victims died on the spot.

The source said the vehicle was at an uncontrollable speed while descending the hills from the Okpanam police station, adding that the car's brake might have failed or that the driver slept off.

The witness said the car crushed four people, adding that immediately the driver of the vehicle could not be tracked down, an angry mob set the car ablaze.

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