

Police arrest 2 for kidnapping Ebonyi pastor

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The Ebonyi State Police Command, yesterday, announced the arrest of two suspected kidnappers for their alleged involvement in the kidnap of a pastor in the state.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Onome Onovwakpoyeya, in a statement, said one of the suspects was neutralised during a gunshot with the suspects to recover the victim.

Onome said: “Today, being 23/04/2023, the Commissioner of Police, Ebonyi State Police Command, Faleye Olaleye, received a distress call that a clergy had been kidnapped.

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“He immediately swung into action by mobilising the tactical teams and the Divisional Police Officer of Ebonyi Division to codone and barricade marked areas. The Department of State Service was equally involved in getting the location of the victim.

“The kidnappers were intercepted along Ndofia Ishieke and Edupfu Egbu Ishieke in Ebonyi Local Government Area, where they abandoned the victim and took to their heels while exchanging gunshots with the police to pave the way for their escape.

“Unfortunately, they were over-powered by the superior fire power of the police, which led to one of them being neutralised and the arrest of two principal suspects. Two AK47 and one Lar rifles were recovered. Also recovered are two vehicles, including that of the victim.”