

3 suspected kidnappers killed in Delta

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Three suspected kidnappers at Ughelli area of Delta State have lost their lives during a battle with operatives of the Delta State Police Command.

The suspects were shot dead during an exchange of gun firing between them and policemen attached to the CP-Special Assignment Team (CP-SAT) of the command, established and deployed by the state Commissioner of Police, Olufemi Abaniwonda to Ughelli axis.

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The Police Public Relations Officer for the state, Bright Edafe, stated: “On May 27, 2025, while conducting a covert surveillance patrol along Ughelli-Patani Road, operatives of CP-Special Assignment Team (CP-SAT), led by the commander, ASP Robinson Julius, flagged down an approaching shuttle bus by Ewhereni Junction.

“Upon sighting the operatives, the occupants of the said vehicle opened fire in a bid to escape, leading to an intense exchange of gun duel. During the gun duel, three of the suspects sustained serious gunshot injuries, while others escaped. The injured suspects were taken to the hospital, where they died while receiving treatment. One AK-47 rifle, loaded with 18 rounds of live ammunition were recovered from them.”