

Two suspected kidnappers shot dead in Delta



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The Delta State Police Command has neutralised two suspected kidnappers and recovered an AK-47 rifle with ammunition in Ika North East Local Government of the state.

According to the Delta State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Bright Edafe, the operation followed credible intelligence received at about 11:00 am on Wednesday, by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Owa-Oyibu, who was alerted that kidnappers were sighted at Nniogbo Owa Ekei, Boji Boji Owa.

Acting swiftly, the DPO mobilised a combined team of police operatives and vigilantes, alongside two teams of Operation Delta Sweep, and stormed the bush, where the suspects were reportedly hiding.

“Upon sighting the advancing teams, the suspects opened fire, but their attack was repelled,” Edafe said in a statement, adding that “in the fierce gun duel, two of the suspected kidnappers sustained gunshot injuries and were taken to Owa-Alero General Hospital, where they were confirmed dead by the doctor on duty.”

Edafe further disclosed that during the operation, “one AK-47 rifle, with 40 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition and two magazines were recovered at the scene.”

While commending the swift action of the operatives, Edafe assured that a manhunt had been launched for other fleeing suspects.

“The Delta State Police Command remains committed to sustaining the fight against kidnapping and other violent crimes across the state. We urge residents to continue providing timely information to aid security efforts,” he added.

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