

Kidnapper killed as police foil expatriate's abduction

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Residents of Obalende area of Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State scampered in different directions yesterday when anti-robbery policemen and suspected kidnappers engaged in a gun duel. The incident was fallout of the attempt by an eightman gang to abduct a Chinese expatriate working at 6&6 Quarry in the area. One of the suspected kidnappers was shot dead in the encounter while another was arrested.

The gunmen, some of who dressed in military uniforms, were said to have stormed the quarry in a truck. They, however, fled the scene following the superior firepower of the security agents.

The state Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Iliyasu, who confirmed the incident, paraded the arrested suspect and the body of the gang member at the state Police Command Headquarters, Eleweran,

Abeokuta. Iliyasu said one pump action gun and five live cartridges were recovered from the suspects.

The commissioner said the kidnappers had been terrorising Ijebu-Ode and its environs before anti-robbery team from Obalende Division led by Inspector Kolawole Alimi swooped on them. He said: "Today (yesterday), some hoodlums, numbering about eight, came to Obalende area of Ijebu-Ode with intent to attack and kidnap a Chinese national working at 6&6 Quarry."