

# Security operatives kill 3 suspected kidnappers in Rivers

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**T**hree suspected members of a kidnap gang were killed yesterday by security operatives in Isio-kpo community, Ikwerre Local Government Area of Rivers State.

Sources said that the suspects had attempted to kidnap a pastor in the area, who they had been monitored but didn't know that some residents had noticed their suspicious movements and alerted security operatives

in the area.

A gun battle, according to a source, later ensued between the suspected kidnappers and the security operatives, who had the upper hand.

The source said the pastor was unharmed following the intervention of the residents and security operatives while bodies of the suspects were lined up in the community where the incident took place.

The source said: "The bodies of the suspects were lined up on the ground and people gathered to see them."

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