

## Sergeant, three kidnappers die in Kaduna shootout

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A policeman yesterday lost his life when kidnappers numbering about five tried to abduct an expatriate in Kaduna.

The attack occurred at a company, Mothercat, located at the Mando area of Kaduna metropolis.

Three of the attackers also lost their lives in the ensuing gun battle between the police and the kidnappers.

The incident occurred about 6a.m. yesterday when the daredevil kidnappers, attempted to abduct some expatriates in the company but met a stiff resistance from the team of policemen in the vicinity.

However, addressing a press conference on the attack,

The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Department of Finance and Administration, Onah Sunny, confirmed the attack at a press conference.

He said: "I feel obliged to brief you this morning following an incident that occurred today (yesterday) about 5.40p.m., when some armed men entered the Mothercat Company at Mando area, shooting sporadically and attacking policemen on guard duty.

"The gallant policemen engaged the hoodlums in a fierce gun duel.

"They repelled the attack and in the



Gunmen

process gunned down three of them. During the fierce gun duel, two of our men AP NO 161126 Inspector Bijimi Maiyaki, F/No 251990 and Sergeant Kabiru Shuaibu attached to Operation Yaki, sustained injuries. They were rushed to 44 Army Reference Hospital for treatment.

"However, the sergeant died while receiving treatment while the inspector was treated and discharged.

"Exhibits recovered from the hoodlums include four AK 47 rifles, eight magazines with one 130 live ammunition, five pieces of suspected Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and a

Golf Wagon vehicle with registration number W 812 FST.

"Teams of operatives are still on the trail of the remaining two hoodlums who escaped with bullet injuries."

Onah also appealed to members of the public to assist the police with "prompt and relevant information on any suspicious movement in their respective neighbourhood so as to ensure effective proactive crime prevention efforts.

"The command highly appreciates the support of the public and the media in our collective stride to bring down the rate of crime and criminality in Kaduna State to the barest minimum."

## Suspected killers of Enugu Catholic priest arrested