

Hoodlums kill ASP, injure three other policemen in Adamawa

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Hoodlums yesterday attacked and killed an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Ibrahim Abdullahi, at Lafiya in Lamurde Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

Delta: Three naval ratings held for kidnapping

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Three naval ratings were yesterday arrested in a house in Sapele where a 29-year-old kidnapped victim from Warri in Delta State was kept.

The ratings were apprehended for their alleged involvement in the abduction.

The suspects were raided by police detectives at a house allegedly owned by a naval officer (name withheld) on Ajogodo Road, Sapele in Sapele Local Government Area.

The building was said to have been a subject of litigation but has always been manned by men of the Nigerian Navy.

Nemesis caught up with the naval ratings when one of their gang members wanted to collect the demanded ransom. His confession on the whereabouts of their kidnapped victim led to the suspects' arrest.

The victim was abducted in Warri town on Tuesday last week and taken to Sapele.

The suspects had demanded N11 million but when the money was not forthcoming, they asked for the documents of the victim's parcel of land at Abraka in Ethiope East council area of the state.

"We (the victim's family) have agreed with them and the girlfriend was directed to come to Sapele with the land documents. On Saturday, men from the 'A' Division in Warri were drafted to the collection spot in Sapele.

"When they arrived in Sapele, they reached out to the Sapele Divisional Police Officer, Harrison Nwabuisi, who in turn led his men and those of the 'A' Division on the rescue mission," a family source said.

The source said the kidnappers were first led to the Army Formation at Ugbeyi. They changed location to Ogorode Industrial Area where they were rounded up by the soldiers and the police.

The assailants also injured three other policemen.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Sulaiman Nguroje, said in a statement that the incident occurred between midnight and 1am.

Nguroje said the hoodlums, numbering about 60, acted to prevent the policemen from arresting a suspect involved in a case of criminal conspiracy and theft.

He said: "On April 24, 2021 between the hours of 12am and 1am, the command's operatives attached to Numan Division, while in Lafiya to effect arrest in a case of criminal conspiracy and theft that is under investigation, were attacked by hoodlums numbering about 60, armed with dangerous weapons.

"Sadly, following the attack, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, Ibrahim Abdullahi, paid the supreme price while three others sustained various degrees of injury."

The PPRO said the Commissioner of Police, Aliyu Adamu Alhaji, had commiserated with the family, relatives and friends of the slain police officer.

According to him, Alhaji promised that the perpetrators would be brought to book.

"He warned that consequences await any person or group of persons who, under whatever guise, engage in an unwarranted attack on any police officer and directs all command DPOs, HODs and operational commanders to employ all legally permissible measures to protect their lives and property," Nguroje said.

He said the commissioner assured the general public that a full scale investigation was already ongoing and the perpetrators of the dastardly act would be prosecuted in due course.

Alhaji, the PPRO added, called on members of the public to desist from attacking policemen and police facilities.



Gunmen