

We pay informants, killed 3 victims in Ondo – Kidnap suspect

...as Amotekun parades 45 suspected criminals

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A suspected kidnapper, Usman Muhammadu, has disclosed that his gang has killed no fewer than three of their victims.

Usman, 27, who was paraded alongside 45 suspected criminals by the Ondo State Security Network Agency codenamed Amotekun in Akure, told newsmen that he had collected ransom of over N500,000 from relations of victims.

The suspect also revealed that his gang used to pay an informant in turn for information on who to kidnap.

Usman, who declined to give reason for killing the three victims, said "After we have the information, we swing into action, kidnap the victim, march them into the forest and demand for ransom from their family members."

Yaro Yaya, who was said to be their informant said, "my own job is to pass information over to the members. I don't know what they do with the victims, how much they collect as ransom, they just settle me out of the ransom collected.

"I don't ask questions, I collect whatever is given to me by the leader of the group."

Parading the suspects, the state commander of Amotekun, Chief Adetunji Adeleye, said that the 45 suspected criminals were arrested

within two weeks.

Adeleye said that, "Within the last two weeks, we have been able to curtail the excesses of the criminals raging from kidnapping, armed robbery, rape among others. We have 45 criminals that we have concluded their investigations and they are ready to go for prosecution. "In Ore, there was a kidnap of a family and we moved there immediately and we were able to arrest the kidnappers and released the victims.

"We also arrested some people that specialises in using vehicles to steal goats across the state and some of the goats have been recovered from them. We have a gang of fraudsters that use spiritual means to defraud some people in the society"