

Police rescue 7-year-old kidnap victim, kill one bandit, arrest 8 in Sokoto

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The Sokoto State Police Command has said that it neutralised one bandit, arrested eight others and rescued a seven year old boy, Musa Suleiman of Arkilla State Low-Cost Area in the state from members of a kidnapping gang after four days in captivity.

The State Commissioner of Police, CP Muhammad Usaini Gumel stated this while briefing newsmen on the command's monthly crime situation report and achievements recorded between November 15, and December 13, held at the Police command Sokoto yesterday.

The CP noted that the current Socio-Economic activities across Sokoto State are thriving as a result of regular Police raids of crime prone locations and other crime prevention measures.

"This led to the following success stories being achieved at the following local government area Gwadabawa, Wamakko, Sokoto South and Isa," Gumel added.

CP Gumel said one Suleiman Musa reported at the SCID, Sokoto that unknown persons conspired and kidnapped his son; one Musa Suleiman, aged 7yrs and kept him at an unknown destination for four days in captivity until the sum of N4 million ransom was extorted from the family members after which the boy was released.

He noted that the police investigation identified one Haliru Risku-

wa, who is a neighbor to the family and popularly known as "Lopetee" of Arkilla State Low-Cost Area as suspect and was subsequently arrested.

The Commissioner explained that during police investigation, the suspect confessed on how he conspired alongside his other gang members and committed the crime.

According to him, he committed the crime along with one Abdullahi Umar and Faruku Usman Binji all of Plateau State and Binji LGA, Sokoto State.

"All the suspects are in police custody except Faruk Usman Binji who is still at large.

"So far, N2.5 million cash has been recovered as exhibit from the suspects," he confirmed.

He said the policemen attached to Salame Division supported by and Anti-kidnapping unit of the



Police

SCIID strikes in the Community of Illela Baraya in Salame District, Gwadabawa LGA arrested one Abdullahi Bello of Dogon Tsamiya village in Gwadabawa in possession of one Ak-47 rifle with breech No. 1913 and three rounds of life ammunition.

"Abdullahi was arrested while he and his collaborators launched banditry attack on the village. A quick reaction by the Police led to one of the bandits Ibrahim Tun-gar Kwangi being subdued and neutralised through exchange of gun fire."

JBS moves to check multiple checkpoints along Seme border

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The Joint Border Security (JBS) at Seme border has resolved to check proliferation of checkpoints along the border corridor.

The Comptroller of Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Seme Area Command, Bello Jibo, who is also the chairman of the JBS, said JBS had a border security meeting over the persisting problem of multiple checkpoints.

The JBS consists of the military, the Nigerian Police Force, the Department of State Services (DSS), Nigeria Customs, the Nigeria Immigration Service, the Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and other security agencies.

Jibo said, "Arising from the meeting consisting of all the security agencies, the committee resolved that they cannot continue to superintend on the high and increasing number of illegal checkpoints across the Seme Border corridor.

"Part of the conclusions and agreements of the meeting...

agreements and use the framework to remove all illegal checkpoints, and possibly merge others."

The Comptroller of Nigeria Immigration Service, Seme Command, Dr Chukwuemeka Dike, said the third step was to form a standing monitoring team. He said the meeting was to ensure that the conclusions and agreement of the JBS on this subject matter are perfectly implemented.

"We want to key into the Presidential Order 001 on Ease of Doing Business. We need security on