

Anambra: 4 kidnappers killed, others arrested

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Security operatives in Anambra State have killed four persons suspected to be members of a deadly gang of kidnappers, who specialise in terrorising motorists along Nkpor-Umuoji-Ideani road in the state.

Meanwhile, the road has recently been declared unsafe with many residents of the state issued travel advisory against plying the road from 6pm.

The armed robbery and kidnap gang was said to have been arrested, after several complaints were made to the state

governor, Prof Chukwuma Soludo about the condition in the area.

Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Mr Christian Aburime, who disclosed the killing of the suspects said the governor gave a mandate to security operatives, including the police and local vigilante to dislodge the suspects.

He said: "Following the mandate and declaration by Governor Chukwuma Charles Soludo, CFR, to rid Anambra State of all criminal elements, the Anambra State Security Forces on Sunday the 7th of May, 2023 effectively neutralised a deadly gang of kidnappers terrorising innocent citizens along the Nkpor-Umuoji-

Ideani road.

"The gang of kidnappers who had hitherto terrorised innocent citizens along that axis paid dearly with their lives when Security Forces acting on intelligence report swooped on the areas and engaged them in an intense gun battle.

"Four of the deadly criminals were dispatched to the great beyond, while other members of the gang were arrested."

He said those arrested were already in police net, and have been helping with information on their operations.

Aburime quoted the governor as reiterating his order for all criminal elements in the state to be routed out, while assuring safety of citizens of the state.