

# Vigilance group kills 2 suspected kidnappers, arrests one in Rivers

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**T**wo suspected kidnappers have been shot dead by members of the Akpor OSPAC Vigilance group in Ogbogoro community of Obio-Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The suspected kidnappers were killed during a gunfight with the vigilance operatives while they were attempting to abduct one Constance Osikadina, a business woman, at Rumukwachi community of Ogbogoro.

The businesswoman was about to close for the day's business around 7pm when the suspected kidnappers made an attempt to kidnap her.

The woman said: "Not quite long I heard a gunshot. Immediately I looked behind me, I saw two armed men masked. They ordered me to enter a getaway car. I just sat on the floor immediately.

"They started hitting me. We were there for about 30 minutes until I heard somebody shouting from afar. And one was about shooting me and another said 'don't shoot Master said we should bring her alive'. 'Immediately they heard that voice, one of them said come... come they're coming. They jumped into their car and fled."

The businesswoman's husband also narrated how OSPAC was alerted about attempt to kidnap his wife, "Their gunshots created awareness and luckily their vehicle developed fault barely 200 meters away from the kidnap scene and they were pushing it. This gave us ample time to make calls.

"That was how OSPAC gunned two, (by the special grace of God),

one was arrested and one escaped. I use this opportunity to appreciate OSPAC. They tried yesterday"

The Vice Chairman of Akpor OSPAC, David Amadi, asaid: "the OSPAC was alerted and they had contact with their unit in Ogbogoro who intercepted them.

"And at exchange of gunfire, two who were fatally wounded were handed over to the police. We recovered one G3 rifle, handed it over to the Police along with the vehicle. Some of them escaped."

The Rivers State Police Command have not reacted to the incident as at the time of this report.

## Gunmen kill Livestock Guard

**T**here is tension in the Ukum Local Government Area of Benue State following the killing of a commander of the Livestock Guard.

The Livestock Guards was established by the state government to ensure compliance with the State Anti-open Grazing Law.

Witnesses who spoke on the matter claimed that the killing of the ward commander, Jarule Likita has generated tension in the area.

The deceased Likita, according to local sources, died after he was shot severally in the chest by the gunmen at the Tine-Nune settlement in Ukum LGA of the state.

The killing of Likita makes him the fifth ward Livestock commander to have been murdered by such gunmen in the Ukum area in recent times.

The State Commander of the Livestock Guards, Linus

