

## 3 die as car plunges into Omo River on Sagamu-Benin Expressway

Three persons were confirmed dead while one other sustained injuries when a Toyota Sienna plunged into the Omo River around Area J4 on the Sagamu-Benin Expressway on Saturday.

The Public Education Officer of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Ogun, Mrs Florence Okpe, who confirmed the incident to newsmen in Abeokuta said, "The accident occurred around 11:55 a.m. and the suspected cause of the crash was excessive speed and loss of control which made the vehicle to plunge into the river."

"The vehicle marked APP 830 HX was coming from Benin and heading to Lagos," she added.

Okpe added that three male adults were found dead while one person sustained injuries in the lone vehicle accident.

The FRSC spokesperson explained that the injured victim was taken to Hope Clinic J4 in the Ijebu-East Local Government Area of the state.

"Bodies of those dead were deposited at the State General Hospital morgue in

Ijebu-Ode," she said.

Okpe quoted the State Sector Commander of FRSC, Anthony Uga, as describing the crash as avoidable if caution was considered.

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The Bauchi State Police Command has burst suspected kidnappers' enclaves, neutralised scores and injured several others in Burra Forest, Ningi Local Government Area of the state.

In a press release issued by the Command's PPRO, Ahmed Wakil, he said 16 kidnap victims were rescued, out of which five sustained various degrees of injuries while the remaining 11 were rescued unhurt.

Wakil said, "On 02/9/2023 at about

100 canisters of laughing gas to South Africa by a freight agent, Oyekola Gbenga Akeem for a fee of N2, 000,000, was also frustrated by operatives who seized the cargo and arrested the suspect.

However, NDLEA operatives on Friday August 25, succeeded in arresting a drug kingpin, Ngene Emmanuel Onyedikachi, who recruited the fake couple, Ilonzeh Kingsley Onyebuchi and Ilonzeh Roseline Nonyelum arrested for ingest-

level of vandalism and destruction of infrastructure in the FCT.

Odumosu, according to a statement signed by the Public Relations Officer, Comfort Okomanyi, vowed to intensify onslaught against criminals and vandals defacing the capital territory.

He said: "We are going to flush vandals out of FCT. Thank God you are beginning to see the results of our reactivated patrol teams.

is no place to hide anymore.

The arrested suspects are Peter Kile, "M", 27, from Vandeikya LGA Benue State; Akanuge Sammel, "M", 27, from Konshisha LGA Benue State, and Justin Tundu, "M", 31, from Konshisha LGA Benue State.

The command maintained that the suspects would be handed over for prosecution after undergoing thorough investigations.

## Police neutralise scores of kidnappers, rescue 16 victims in Bauchi

1500hrs, police operatives in line with Operation Restore Peace (ORP) comprising police, military and other quasi-security outfits, particularly local hunters on a routine patrol stormed the kidnappers' den located on top of the mountain, situated at Shande village area of Kurmi, a village at the outskirts of Burra. On sighting the team of combined operatives, the kidnappers started firing at the operatives.

"However, in response, the operatives repelled the kidnappers with superior firepower which lasted for about 2 hours. As a result, 16 kidnap victims were rescued, out of which five kidnap victims sustained

various degrees of injuries while the remaining 11 were rescued unhurt.

"The following are the injured rescued victims: Alh. Shuaibu 'm' of Kurmi village Burra, Alh. Bammi 'm' of Kongoro village Burra, Mai Unguwa Shende village Burra, Dantsoho Mai Shayi 'm' of Kurmi village Burra, Abubakar 'm' of Matigwai village Sumaila LGA Kano State.

"They were evacuated to Burra General Hospital for immediate medical treatment. The remaining 11 victims rescued unhurt are: Zahariya Ibrahim age 17yrs 'f' of Dana Village Burra, Walida Idi age

16yrs 'f' of Sabon Gida Mazai village Burra, Maryam Shehu age 25yrs 'f' of Sabon Gida Mazai village Burra, Abubakar Adamu age 15yrs 'm' of Ruwan Dinya village Burra, Muntari Badamasi age 40yrs 'm' of Shaka Leme village Burra, Ibrahim Abdullahi age 15yrs 'm' of Ruwan Dinya village Burra, Sani Abdullahi age 10yrs 'm' of Ruwan Dinya village Burra, Ibrahim Rabi'u age 30yrs 'm' of Shaka Leme village Burra, Saleh Umaru age 35yrs 'm' of Matigwai village Sumaila LGA Kano State, Isah Alh. Tashi age 20yrs 'm' of Kere Village Burra, Tasi'u Abdullahi age 30yrs 'm' of Shaka Leme village Burra".