

Delta: Police neutralise kidnap kingpin, arrest gun-runner, 9 others

... recover guns, ammunition

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Detectives attached to the Delta State Police Command have arrested nine suspected kidnappers and recovered firearms.

The Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), SP Edafe Bright in a statement yesterday said the team again stormed the Inene community in Ughelli North Local Government Area of the state, on the trail of the leader of a dreaded kidnapping syndicate known as Joel Joseph.

It was learnt that the kidnapper upon sighting the operatives opened fire on the operatives, and in the ensuing gun duel, the suspect sustained serious gunshot injuries and was taken to the General Hospital Ughelli where he died while receiving treatment at the hospital.

He said also recovered from the suspect includes; one AK47 rifle loaded with ten rounds of live ammunition, while efforts are being intensified to arrest other gang members.

In a related development, a suspected gun runner, Friday Emmanuel, 43, was arrested by officers of the Command on head bridge, Asaba, during a stop and search duty.