

One Killed As Police Rescues Kidnapped Victim In A'ibom



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The Akwa Ibom State Police Command has rescued a kidnapped victim and retired 63-year-old Shell Petroleum Company Worker who was abducted and held hostage since 17th June 2024.

A statement issued by the State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Timfon John which was made available to Journalists in Uyo on Monday said the retired oil worker whose name was withheld was abducted by unknown armed men dressed in military camouflage.

The statement further read, "The Commissioner of Police, Akwa Ibom State Police Command, CP Waheed Ayilara had ordered the SWAT operatives of the command to immediately swing into action.

"Upon sighting the Police, the kidnappers started firing at them. During the ensuing gun duel, one of the Kidnappers sustained serious gunshot injuries, while others escaped. The injured suspect was taken to a hospital where he was confirmed dead.

"The victim was rescued unhurt in a compound located at Ikot Udobong Village in Etim Ekpo LGA. Preliminary investigations revealed that the kidnappers had initially demanded for #50 million ransom and were later agreed to #20 million, however, no ransom was paid at the time of the rescue. Efforts are ongoing to arrest the fleeing suspects".

"Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police, Akwa Ibom State Police Command, CP Waheed Ayilara has reaffirmed the command's commitment to rid the state of crime and criminal elements.

"The CP while appreciating Akwa Ibomites for the support to the command, urged them to report any suspicious movements or persons to the Police through the command's emergency line 09040000065, 08020913810 or report to the nearest police station".