

4 kidnap suspects killed on Lagos-Ibadan expressway

The Ogun State Police Command Saturday said its men on Friday at about 8:30 pm foiled a kidnap attempt of some commuters around the Warewa axis of the long bridge of the Lagos-Ibadan expressway and neutralized four of the kidnappers during the ensuing gun duel.

The spokesperson for the State police command, CSP Omolola Odutola disclosed this in a statement on Saturday.

The bandits were said to

have ambushed a white Paragon commercial vehicle with number plate BDG 753 YH, driven by one Mr Morufu Adedeji and heading towards Lagos.

The armed men reportedly forcefully halted the vehicle, pointed a gun at the driver, and began robbing passengers at gunpoint.

Odutola said: "During the attack, some passengers managed to escape through the rear door, which had been smartly and coura-

geously opened by the driver.

"This act enraged the kidnappers, who then brutally assaulted the driver to the point of unconsciousness. Other motorists raised an alarm, which was swiftly intercepted by the Anti-Kidnapping Team on patrol.

"Upon arrival, the policemen engaged the fleeing criminals in a gun duel. Four of the armed men were fatally injured, while others escaped with gunshot wounds

into the surrounding forest.

"The bodies of the neutralised kidnappers have been deposited at the State Hospital Morgue, Ijaiye, Abeokuta, for autopsy and further investigation."

Items recovered at the scene of the crime included one locally made pistol with two cartridges, two daggers, a cash sum of N20,000, one Tecno Android phone, one solar power bank, and three USB lights suspected to have been stolen.