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Umuahia—ABIA State Police Command, yesterday, announced that its men killed three persons suspected to be kidnappers in Aba, the commercial city of the state, just as the Command has vowed to curb the high incidence of kidnapping and armed robbery in the state.

Meanwhile, the Command said its men has rescued a kidnapped victim, one Comfort Erondue of Umuenevo, Nvosi in Isiala Ngwa South Council Area, who was rescued in a hideout in Ugba Uzo-Iyi Umuodochi, Nsulu in Isiala Ngwa North Council.

Displaying the bodies of the slain kidnappers before journalists at the Police Headquarters, Umuahia, Abia State Police Commissioner, Mr. Edgar Tam Nanakumo, noted that they have declared a total war on kidnappers because “the issue of kidnapping and high crime wave have given us serious concern and we have to put it to reverse.

We have to deploy more of our men in Ngwa area where most of these things happen. We want the people to celebrate the Sallah and Christmas with their eyes closed”.

Nanakumo said he has personally visited Aba and its environs to see how his men are carrying out the operation to flush out kidnappers and armed robbers, just as he said that he has warned them against mounting road blocks other than observation posts approved by the Inspector General of Police.

Narrating how the three kidnappers were gunned down, the Police Commissioner said: “For some time now, information revealed that a group of kidnappers were planning to kidnap a bank staff at Aba. Following this information, the Police mounted heavy surveillance on the gang, trailed and encountered them on 25/11/08, at about 2000hrs, along Opobo Road, Aba. In a fierce gun battle, two of the suspected kidnappers fell to the superior firepower of the Police”.

According to Nanakumo, one rifle, one locally made revolver, six rounds of 9mm and 14 loaded AK47 magazines were recovered from them. Also recovered from the wallet of one the slain suspects was a student identity card bearing the name ‘Okoro Ugwunna’ of Accountancy Department at Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, as well as a mutilated driving license belonging to Mrs. Okorafor Julie, described by the Police as “kidnapped victim”.

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