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Police kill 6 suspected kidnappers in Lagos

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By EVELYN USMAN

THE Police in Lagos yesterday killed six suspected kidnappers who kidnapped a Lebanese national five days ago in Victoria Island recovering the N30 million supposed ransom and rescuing the Lebanese. The Lebanese whose identity was not disclosed was reported kidnapped in his office at Ozumba Mbadiwe Tuesday by the kidnappers.

The Lagos police commissioner, Marvel Akpoyibo, said to be in Abuja during the period of abduction had to come to Lagos to mobilise his men for the rescue operation. Speaking about the plot that led to the kidnappers' arrest, the CP said one Muhamed Sani, the manager of the Lebanese company took the ransom money to the shore of the sea, as they requested, and handed over to the kidnappers who came in a speed boat, and in the process the police swooped on them. The identity of the Lebanese was not disclosed.

"After they collected the money we tactically engaged them and rescued the captive. He was unhurt and during the battle we recovered the N30 million ransom. We then handed the money over to the manager," the commissioner said, and reinstated the command's resolve to ensure safety not only on land but also on the state's water ways.

Akpoyibo warned hoodlums, in their own interest, not to come to Lagos to carry out their act, stressing: "We will not leave any stone unturned to ensure that Lagos displays zero tolerance for crime."

In response, the manager of the Lebanese company, expressed gratefulness on behalf of the company. "We are grateful for the effort put up by the Lagos State police command to rescue our staff. We are ever ready to support the command and others to carry out their duties," he said. He called on other police commands to emulate Lagos.