

Police rescue 4 kidnap victims, confirm one dead in Enugu

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ENUGU—**ENUGU** State Police Command said it has successfully rescued four persons abducted by kidnappers in different parts of the state.

It also confirmed the murder of one of the victims, Ijeoma Maduabuchi, at Obinagu village, Ugwuoba, in Oji River local government area of Enugu State.

The state Commissioner of Police, Abubakar Adamu Mohammed, who disclosed this in a briefing vowed that 22 kidnap suspects had been apprehended and would face the wrath of the law.

He said investigations into the criminal cases and similar ones were in progress and would be concluded without delay.

The CP said a Lebanese, Mohammed Kanaan, working with Grey Line Construction Company Udi/Ugwuoba road, Enugu was abducted on April 29, 2013, adding that men of the anti-Kidnapping Unit of the command succeeded in rescuing him on May 2.

According to him, one Albert Chukwu, alias Agbaranze, who claimed to be a native of

Ugwuoba, was tracked and picked up in connection with the incident and is currently assisting the operatives in their investigations.

He also disclosed that one Fidelia Obetta abducted on April 22, 2013, at Nsukka, was rescued unhurt, following useful information given to the police, while four suspects, including Chibueze Areji, Ikowo Ekene, Eze Ikechukwu and Ezema Okechukwu, were arrested with two locally-made guns and live

cartridges.

Adamu said seven suspected kidnappers were arrested in connection with the abduction and murder of Ijeoma Maduabuchi at Ugwuoba village Ugwuoba in Oji River Local Government Area of the state, while seven persons, namely Sunday Nwangwu, Raymond Nwambe, Uzoamaka Ogadi (F), Ekene Eze alias Mmachi, Chinonso Ikeanyi, Omah James and Nnaemeka Enyi, were apprehended.

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