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Police rescue 13 kidnap victims in Borno

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MAIIDUGURI—THE Police in Borno State, yesterday, said they had rescued 13 persons including six children, abducted in Biu Local Government Area of the state.

DSP Victor Isuku, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, disclosed this in a statement in Maiduguri.

Isuku said the victims were rescued by the Special Anti-Robbery Squad, SARS, on September 8, after a gun battle with the abductors at their hideout in Kumuya village, Buni Yadi in the neighbouring Yobe.

He said two of the abductors died from injuries they sustained in the gun battle, adding that the Police recovered two AK-47 rifles from the abductors.

According to the statement, "on August 19, Biu Area Commander, reported a case of abduction of six children, including four males and two females. The Command's strike unit and a team of investigators were promptly dispatched to the area.

"The deployment and the use of undercover operatives led to the arrest of five persons, who made confessional statements, thereby revealing where the abducted children were kept.

"Similarly, on September 8, through community policing, partnership and networking, the Police alongside local hunters and vigilante members dominated the hostage scene.

"After about an hour of gun battle with the hoodlums in the forest, near Kumuya village in Buni Yadi general area of Yobe, arrests, rescue and recoveries were made.

"Two AK-47 rifles used by the hoodlums were recovered. Six children earlier abducted were rescued, while seven other persons were rescued from their abductors, bringing the total number of rescued persons to 13."

Isuku disclosed that two members of the search team were injured.