

Jailbreak: 14 of 47 Akwa Ibom Prison inmates re-arrested

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The Akwa Ibom Controller of Nigeria Prisons Service, NPS, Mr. Alex Oditah, yesterday, announced the re-arrest of 14 out of the 47 inmates that escaped from the Ikot Ekpene Prisons on December 7.



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Oditah also said in Uyo that a three-man committee has been inaugurated to ascertain the immediate and remote cause of the incident to forestall future occurrence.

According to him, “some inmates escaped from Ikot Ekpene Prison on December 7, at about 12.45p.m.; to ascertain the total number of those that escaped we had to do headcount.

“We discovered that 47 inmates had escaped from custody. Immediately, a search party swung into action and 14 were recaptured.”

The controller added that four of those who escaped died from bullet wounds when they tried to overpower prisons officers on duty.

Oditah added that some of the prisons officials, who sustained different degrees of injuries, were receiving treatment in an undisclosed hospital.

He explained that the escaped inmates seized utensils like knives, machetes and other dangerous materials to aid their escaped.

The Controller of Prisons disclosed that the 400-capacity Ikot Epene Prisons currently houses 831 inmates.

He assured that prison officials and other security agencies were working extra hard to recapture the remaining inmates, appealing to members of the public to assist the authority with useful intelligence that would aid the arrest of the fleeing prisoners.

He noted that security had been tightened in and around all prison formations in the state to forestall breach of security.

The controller appealed for logistics assistance from the Akwa Ibom State government to ease its operational duties.