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# Police burst kidnappers' den in Rivers, kill six suspects, arrest two sea pirates

*\*Rescue two female kidnap victims*

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**O**PERATIVES of the Nigerian Police Force in Rivers State have burst a kidnappers' hideout in Eneka Community, Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State and killed five abductors.

The Anti-Kidnapping unit, led by its commander, SP. Edward Shadare, stormed a forest in Elibrada community in Emohua LGA, killed a suspect and rescued two females kidnapped on the East-West road.

This is just as the police also arrested two sea pirates operating along Bonny water-ways in the state.

Addressing news men in Port Harcourt, yesterday, the Commissioner of Police in the state, Usman Belel, noted that the achievement was in line with the police recent efforts to end the rise in criminal activities in the state.

Belel noted that the Commander of the Inspector General of Police unit in the state, Adaka Justin, a Superintendent of Police, and his team had invaded the kidnappers' den in Eneka on Thursday night.

Belel disclosed that the hoodlums had engaged the police in a shoot-out, adding that five of the criminals were killed while two policemen sustained bullet wounds.

He said: "Operatives of the Inspector General of Police Monitoring Unit, led by the Commander, during a sting operation and a follow-up in a case of kidnapping, yesterday, Thursday, stormed a criminal hideout at Eneka in Obio/Akpor LGA where a gang of kidnappers were hibernating.

"On sighting the police, the hoodlums opened fire and wounded two of our men, but, in a return fire, five of them were fatally wounded, they were taken to the hospital but were confirmed dead by the doctors at University of Port Harcourt."

## Kidnapped expatriate