

## ① On murdered 5-year-old kidnap victim

Another member of a kidnapping gang from Kogi State, Friday Dumodu, who murdered a five-year old kidnap victim and buried her in a shallow grave, said his gang demanded N8 million as ransom from the poor family of the little child before she died in their custody in the bush.

Dumodu, who said he hails from Bassa LGA in Kogi State, disclosed that he was lured into kidnapping the child, Farida Ibrahim, by his gang members without knowing that was the mission.

He said: "We went to Dekina LGA, to a house and carried a small girl. We took her to the bush and contacted the family to pay N8 million ransom. The family said they didn't have N8 million but they would look for the money. After some days in the bush, the girl complained of stomach pain and it eventually led to her death."

However, CP Mba said the gang was notorious for killing its abducted victims even after collecting ransom, pointing out that during investigations, detectives exhumed the body of the child from the grave and found signs of violence all over the five-year-old body.

He said: "This gang demanded a ransom of N8 million from the family that doesn't have that kind of money. Before detectives of IRT got to the scene, they murdered the little girl in cold blood and buried