

Kidnapping: Police kill one, rescue 6-mth-old baby, mother in Imo forest

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OWERRI—Police operatives of Imo State Command have killed one of the leaders of a suspected kidnap gang and rescued a six-month-old baby, Princess Odika, the mother, Chinenye Odika and two others after a gun battle in a forest in Ngor Okpala Local Government Area of the state.

The Commissioner of Police, Hussaini Rabi, during the parade of three arrested suspected members of the kidnap gang at the command's headquarters in Owerri, yesterday, said it was the arrested suspects that led the command's tactical team to where they kept their victims at Central Primary School, Mbutu, Okeohia in Ngor Okpala Local Government Area of the State.

However, the Police said the victims

were kidnapped at Human Race Estate Naze in Owerri North LGA of Imo State, last Thursday and have been reunited with their families.

Narrating how the kidnap suspects were arrested and how their victims were rescued, the Police said: "Sequel to a report of kidnapping, on 19/8/2021 at about 1800 hours, by one Obinna Odika

of Human Race Estate Naze in Owerri North LGA of Imo State, that his wife and three children were kidnapped by unknown gunmen in their Estate.

"The Imo State command's Control Room immediately disseminated the report to all the police formations and tactical units for prompt interception and arrest of the kidnappers."



The suspects.