

Police kill 1 kidnapper, arrest 5 in Kaduna

● Nab suspected armed robber in Ogun

2 THE Police Command in Kaduna State said its operatives arrested five suspected kidnappers in the early hours of Sunday.

The command also said that another suspect was killed in a botched kidnap attempt in Zaria, yesterday.

The Command Public Relations Officer, ASP Mohammed Jalige, who

disclosed this, yesterday, in Kaduna, said the command on Sept. 26, at about 0300hrs, acted on credible intelligence to the fact that an 18 seater bus was conveying suspected rustled cows heading to yet to be identified destination along Barde-Keffi Road.

"Based on the information, operatives of the command attached to Kafanchan Division swung into action and intercepted the said vehicle and arrested the five suspects.

"Among the suspects arrested is a notorious kidnapper, who has been on the command's wanted list and the 13 rustled cows were recovered from him," he said.

Jalige said that in the course of the investigation, the suspects confessed to the crime while the owner of the cows was identified from Uddah Village and the cattle were handed over to him.

The PPRO also disclosed that

the officers foiled a kidnap attempt by one of the bandits.

"On Sept. 27, at 0030hrs the command received a distress call through the Divisional Police Officer, Zaria City that some bandits in large number invaded the residence of one person at Nagoyi Quarters, Zaria in their desperate attempt to kidnap the occupant of the house.

"On getting the information, a team of policemen alongside members of vigilante services led by the DPO rushed to the area and engaged the bandits in a gun duel.

"As a result, one bandit was neutralised while others took to their heels with bullet wounds abandoning their mission," he said.

He said that the corpse of the bandit has been deposited at Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Teaching Hospital, Shika.

Jalige urged the public to report any person with bullet injuries to the nearest police formation for prompt action.

The Ogun State Police Command, yesterday, also arrested a suspected armed robber, Rotimi Ojugbele, at Ilaro/Owode Yewa road, while coming from a robbery operation.

The police spokesman in Ogun, DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, in a statement issued to newsmen in Ota, Ogun, said that the suspect was arrested at about 6.30 a.m., yesterday, when the DPO Ilaro Division, CSP Olayemi Jacob, led his men on early morning patrol of the area.

"While on the road, two men on motorcycle with one of them carrying a bag were accosted for stop and search.

"Immediately they were stopped, one of them jumped down and took to his heels while the other one was quickly apprehended.

"On searching the bag found with them, the following items were found in the bag: a double-barrel locally made pistol, a single barrel locally-made pistol.

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Farinloye said the boat operators were trained on what to do before the arrival of government agencies.

The ill-fated boat was said to have left Lagos Island for Ikorodu area before the incident occurred around Adekunle.

It was learnt that the deceased, a male identified as Uzochukwu, gave up while being rushed to the hospital while First Aid treatment was applied on those rescued before they all went to their homes.

An witness, who pleaded anonymity told Vanguard that two local boats immediately came to the rescue of the victims as soon as the incident was noticed, adding: "The passengers scampered for safety but they were all rescued except one who died on the way to the hospital. I guess this was due to fear of the unknown."

Contacted, General Manager, Lagos State Waterways Authority, LASWA, Damilola Emmanuel said his federal counterpart was the first government agency to arrive the scene.



NABBED: The robbery suspect.