

## News



## 4 kidnappers shot dead by police in Delta

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**A** S A B A — F O U R suspected kidnappers including three on death roll who escaped from Oko Maximum prison in Edo State during the 'END SARS' jailbreak have been shot dead in a gun battle with police operatives around Agbor, Ika South Local Government Area, Delta State.

The State Commissioner of Police, Mr Ari Mohammed Ali, who disclosed this at Asaba while briefing journalists on the achievements of the command, said the suspects had planned to kidnap the wife of a traditional ruler and a man who deals in oil and gas.

He said the gang was intercepted by the railway track by men of the Command Special Anti-kidnapping and Cyber-Crime Squad in a combined effort with operatives of Intelligence Response Unit Force Headquarters Abuja while acting on credible information on a planned kidnap.

He said: "The gang engaged the teams in a heavy gun duel and in the process, the gang was over powered by the combined team.

"Four of the suspected members of the gang sustained serious gunshot injuries while others escaped into the surrounding bush with traces of blood.

"The injured suspects were taken to the hospital where they gave up the ghost while receiving treatment. An investigation later revealed that three of the suspects were on death roll who escaped from Oko Maximum prison in Edo State during the 'END SARS' Jailbreak.

"Exhibits recovered at the scene of attack includes one AK 47 rifle, two magazines, two pump action guns, 28 rounds of AK 47 live ammunition, 31 rounds of live cartridges. Investigation is ongoing."