

Police kill 3 insurgents, rescue abducted victim in Anambra

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ONITSHA—The police in Anambra State have dislodged a gang of gunmen who attacked and killed two police officers last Thursday at Uga Roundabout in Aguata Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The state Commissioner of Police, Aderemi Adeoye, who confirmed this yesterday, said three members of the gang were neutralised, while one of their victims was rescued.

Adeoye said the gang members

were killed during a raid on their camp in Ogboji, Orumba South Local Government Area, on Sunday night after a manhunt was launched on them based on intelligence gathering.

The CP added that the hoodlums, after the Thursday attack, also launched another attack in the area on Saturday where security officers dislodged them and rescued a 51-year-old kidnap victim in the process.

He said a Lexus SUV and other items, including four Improvised Explosive Devices, IEDs, two pump actions rifles and 16 live cartridges were recovered from

the hoodlums.

He said: "The third body of the gang members has just been recovered by the police, bringing the total number of insurgents that have so far been killed to three.

"The action was carried out on Sunday night based on intelligence gathering. We identified where the gang was coming from and their route and modus operandi and we launched a manhunt on them and we were trailing them until we got them at their camp at Ogboji in Orumba South Local Government Area, on Sunday.

"After the attack on Thursday,

they launched another one on Saturday. They had thought that having killed two policemen in the area, they would have a field day and nobody would dare confront them, that was where we trailed them till we got them.

"It was in the process that we rescued the 51-year-old kidnap victim.

"The police officers that paid the supreme price were from Enugu State and were on a special mission. The manhunt for the assailants and every criminal element in the state would continue. We urged the citizens and holidaymakers to go on with their lawful activities without fear."