

# Police kill suspected kidnapper, rescue 2 victims in Delta

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**A**SABA— POLICE operatives have shot dead one suspected kidnapper in a gun battle in Okuno, Orogun, Ughelli North Local Government Area, Delta State, rescuing a two abducted victims.

Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, Mr. Bright Edafe, who confirmed this in a statement, said the deceased and members of his gang were hibernating in the area when the police stormed the hideout.

He said: "On 26/4/2024, about 0900 hours, the command received an intelligence report that some suspected kidnappers were hibernating in Okuno, Orogun, where they were hiding alongside some kidnapped victims, the Commissioner of Police Delta State, Abaniwonda Olufemi directed the DPO Abraka Division, Fabian Ayameh to lead police operatives to their hideout.

"The DPO swiftly mobilised police operatives alongside members of the Abraka vigilante, and hunters group, stormed the bush, and engaged the suspected kidnappers in a fierce gun duel during which one of the suspect sustained serious gunshot injuries while others escaped.

"One AK-47 rifle and 11 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition were recovered. The two kidnapped victims (name withheld) were rescued unhurt and have been reunited with their families, while the injured suspect was taken to the hospital where he gave up the ghost while receiving treatment. Manhunt for the other fleeing suspects is ongoing," the statement said.