

# **FCT Police neutralize 9 kidnappers terrorizing Abuja, Niger, Kaduna**



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Following its pledge to make Abuja and its environs uncomfortable for criminal elements, the Commissioner of Police, Federal Capital Territory, FCT, Mr. Olatunji Disu, yesterday, announced the elimination of eight kidnappers, who were members of a notorious gang terrorising Abuja and neighbouring communities in Niger and Kaduna states.

Among the neutralised kidnappers during gunfights when Police operatives stormed their hideouts were Abdulrahman Giwa, Baba Hassan, Mohammed Dahiru, Abubakar Bature aka Day Abubakar Kadiri aka Dare and Kabiru Ibrahim.

Giving details of the operation, Disu said: “Operatives of the Anti-Kidnapping Unit of the FCT Police Command conducted clearance operations in Kidnappers’ dens deep in the Forests of Kweri in Kaduna State and Gauraka Forest in Niger State.

“Operatives arrested suspects responsible for various armed robbery/kidnapping attacks on Dei-dei, Bwari and Dawaki communities in the FCT, Daupe, Kau and Sunape villages.

“All suspects are members of a kidnapping/banditry gang led by one Mallam (surname unknown) now deceased.

“During the operations involving the assault of the strongholds of the kidnappers in Kweri and Gauraka Forests, Mallam and eight other suspects were neutralized after an intense exchange of gunfire.”

“At the same time, two operatives of the FCT Command sustained serious injuries and are both undergoing treatment in the hospital.

“Intelligence revealed that the gang kept their hostages in various locations in Gidan Dogo forest in Kaduna, Gauraka forest in Niger, Kweri forest and Kachia forest in Kaduna.

“The extent of the arrested individual’s involvement in crimes which had caused horror and pain to residents of the FCT, Kaduna and Niger.”

He listed some of their kidnapping escapades as follows, “Abdulrahman Giwa, 25, is from Karuwan Majin village in Kaduna State and was arrested in the gang’s hideout at Kweri forest in Kaduna State.

“Since joining Mallam’s gang in 2022, he has actively participated in numerous kidnapping operations, including an attack on Jibi village in Niger State on July 21, 2024, where a number of victims were kidnapped and ransom was collected.

“In Bwari community; Ahmed Enahoro, 52 years, Faith Enahoro, 18 years and Ahmed Mahmoud 41 years were kidnapped, and a ransom was paid.