

# Police kill robber, parade gun runner

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POLICE in Gombe shot and killed one armed robbery suspect along the Gombe-Yola road during an exchange of fire with a gang of five notorious armed robbers.

The state police commissioner Mr. Joseph Ahmed Ibi made this known when he paraded some suspected criminals at the state command headquarters.

He said the police also arrested a man who specialized in manufacturing local arms including pistols and selling to armed robbers.

According to him, a patrol team from Cham Division in Gombe state encountered the armed robbers

last Saturday at Lakun, a border village with Adamawa state where the robbers were subsequently overpowered although three of them escaped while one of them, Abubakar Sanda was arrested.

Among items recovered from the suspected robbers included a dane gun, one cartridge, one knife, one torchlight, a pair of white rubber shoe, a black cap with charms, one head tie and a wrist watch, the police commissioner said investigation was still going on.

The police commissioner also paraded one Mohammed Saidu

of Kuri village in Yamaltu-Deba LGA of Gombe State for allegedly engaging in the manufacture and sale of locally made firearms including pistols.

He explained that on February 1, 2007 at 10am, a team of CIB operatives on metal detection duty at the Gombe Line motor park arrested one Mohammed Idris of Minna town of Niger State who boarded a vehicle to Jos.

The police commissioner said the man was suspected to be of questionable character by the vigilant policemen on duty at the park and when his bag was searched, locally made pistol was found.

On interrogation, the man revealed that it was Mohammed Saidu of Kuri village who sold the pistol to him. Mohammed Saidu, who admitted selling the pistol, was arrested. He further confirmed that he had been selling such guns to many people.

The police commissioner then advised the public to always help the police with information which would lead to tracking down criminals, as only through such can the police make meaningful headway in fighting crime in the society.

## Iran pledges to support Nigeria

IRANIAN Ambassador to Nigeria khasrow Rezazadeh has pledged his country's support to Nigeria's efforts to develop nuclear facilities for peaceful purposes.

Rezazadeh said in Abuja at a news briefing to mark the 28th anniversary of the Iranian Revolution that nuclear technology was the key to global

Rezazadeh said the two countries were working closely in the areas of oil, chemical production and agriculture.

On the gains recorded by Iran since the 1979 revolution, he said it had enabled the country to develop its human resources and enhanced its economy.