

# Robbers kill 5 police officers in Borno

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**A**RMED robbers weekend, killed, five police officers, including Shettima Askira, a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP) and two civilians in separate operations in Borno State.

According to reliable sources, the first robbery operation occurred at around 7.00 pm at Fergi, along Bama-Gwoza Road, where the CSP, a Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Bama and his men were on patrol on account of the persistent robbery incidents in that area, but were shot dead by the armed robbers.

The acting Borno state commissioner of police, Mr. Mohammed Ibrahim, who confirmed the two robbery incidents to reporters in Maiduguri, yesterday, said the armed bandits on sighting the DPO's vehicle opened fire on it, during which the DPO and his orderly, Mohammed Halilu, sustained serious injuries. They died while being conveyed to the Maiduguri General Hospital.

Ibrahim disclosed that their driver who only sustained minor injury was however treated and discharged at the Maiduguri General Hospital.

The Police boss said when the

information about the incident was received at the Bama Divisional Police Station, they dispatched a patrol team to the scene of the incident, adding that there was serious exchange of fire between the police and the robbers which eventually led to the arrest of a member of the gang.

Ibrahim said that the arrested member of the gang

during interrogation confessed that they were five in number and had been terrorizing the people of the area in recent times.

Speaking on the second robbery incident along Maiduguri – Monguno Road on Saturday about 7 pm, he said members of the Borno State Mobile Court team were on their way to Monguno, when their vehicle was attacked by armed robbers.

## Legal Aid Council frees 1

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**T**HIRTEEN inmates of Keffi Prisons will now enjoy their freedom following a visit to the prison by the Legal Aid Council of Nigeria (LACON) which paid fines on behalf of some inmates.

The management of the council led by its Director-General, Mrs. Nwaka Akinlami while on a prison visit paid N123,100.00 as fines and N9,300.00 for transportation of some of the inmates back to their homes, while others were assigned lawyers.

She advised the released inmates to be guided in their conduct in order not to be on the wrong side of the

law again, adding that Prison visit was one of the routine activities of the council. She observed that LACON was in Keffi Prison to see the awaiting trial inmates and assign lawyers to those who fall within the mandate of the council.

She added that the council would make recommendations for jail delivery to the Nasarawa State's Chief Judge in respect of those who crimes fall outside the mandate of the council but have stayed for a long time in the prison.

Earlier, the Assistant Controller of Prison in charge of Keffi Prison, Mr. S.A. Tukura while receiving the team expressed appreciation to