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## Robbery suspect shot, two nabbed with arms

s Nigeria celebrated its 46th independence anniversary on October 1, three armed robbery suspects allegedly engaged the police in a shoot out at Sundaba area of Kuje in the FCT, leading to the shooting and wounding of

one of them.

Briefing newsmen in his office recently, FCT Commissioner of Police, Mr Lawrence Alobi, said the suspects who attacked

the residents of the area at about 2.00am laid siege on the area but the police were

"On getting the information, we immediately mobilised police operation teams to the area. On sighting the police, the suspects opened fire on the team and my men returned fire. In the gun duel that lasted several minutes, my men shot and wounded one

of them and arrested the remaining two," Alobi said.

He gave the name of the suspect that was shot by the police as Obinna Tude, while the two other two members of the gang arrested by the police were named as Emeka Kenneth and Mohammed Garba.

The police boss who commended the effort of the victims who immediately notified the police of the presence of the suspected armed

robbers in the area, said the quick intervention of the police saved the victims from being shot by the robbers.

He said the suspects who had started torturing and threatening to shoot victims, who had no money to give them, were determined to shoot and brutalised those who failed to cooperate with them.

He said three locally made pistols and seven rounds of cartridges

allegedly fired at the police by the suspects were also recovered from the scene.

Other items said to have been recovered from the suspects were two torch lights, seven assorted GSM handsets snatched from the robbery victims and the N9,

Mr. Alobi who said the three man gang is part of a larger gang operating in the territory, said the three arrested members of the gang are now assisting the police with useful information that will lead to the arrest of other members of the gang.

He said crime rate is drastically reducing in the FCT following renewed efforts by his command to track down suspects and their accomplice.

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He solicited more information from the public on the activities and locations of criminals in the territory to enable his men track and arrest them.