

# Police kill armed robber in Borno, arrest seven suspects

**P**olice operatives in Borno state shot dead one armed robber and arrested seven other suspects while they were robbing unsuspected motorists along Bama-Goza road in Borno state last Thursday.

Police Public Relations Officer PPRO in the state, Bashir Muhammed, confirmed that the police swooped on the hoodlums around 9:40pm at Firgi Village along the thick forest leading to Gwoza where fierce exchange of gun shots ensued. He however said none of the policemen was injured.

With the combined efforts of the divisional patrol team in Bama local government, B' Operatives team from the state headquarters and the federal highway patrol team who were keeping vigil around the area, Assistant Superintendent of Police ASP Bashir said the miscreants numbering about fourteen retreated to their hideouts on realizing that the police were

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ready to unmask them after one of them was killed.

He said the police, acting on intelligence report, tiptoed to Nafari village along Bama, the hideout of the suspected thieves, and nabbed seven while six others escaped.

Those arrested, according to the police spokesman, include Abubakar Abbas, Bulama Laladi, Lawal Gambo, Hassan Garba, Abdul Bulama Laladi, Yago Joel and Bulama Mustapha. He added that efforts are being intensified to track down those that ran away.

Items recovered from them according to him include one bundle of lace, one big box containing mechanical tools and a national identity card bearing the name Haladu Dahiru of Madagali Town in Adamawa state, which the police said may belong to the armed robbery victims. Two live ammunition were also recovered from them.

For the past few weeks, armed robbery incidents have become a daily incident along the Maiduguri-Bama-Goza road in which several people have been robbed. Just recently, the police recovered about seven AK 47 rifles from suspected armed robbers close to Gulumba Village. Many people nowadays described the route as 'dead zone' while the police call the area 'black spot', but ASP Muhammed assured that the police would rid the localities, and the state in general, of robbers.

He however reminded that the efforts of the police would not yield the required results unless the general public assists in waging the war by providing intelligent information. He assured that the police will keep the identity of anyone who provided vital information in confidence.

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country's democracy.

They stated that the Vice President was elected by Nigerians and no party or individual can arrogate the sovereignty of the people which is vested in the National Assembly. Nigerians say no to any act that is unconstitutional and anti democratic," the group urged.

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call Professor Aminu from the Senate, and the senator had hit back at that time, describing him as an unprincipled political novice who carried out his master's wishes without questions.