

Police kill seven robbers in Onitsha

The police in Onitsha, Anambra state, last weekend, clamped down on a gang of armed robbers who have been terrorizing the residents of the area. The police team was led by Area Commander, R. O. Akintunde.

In the raid, the police dislodged the robbers at Agbata Nsugbe and Thirty-Three, a suburb of Onitsha, and killed seven robbers.

An eyewitness at Ose-Okwochu market near the bank of the River Niger, said the robbers, numbering ten, crossed the river from the Asaba end to Onitsha in a flying boat at about 10am on Sunday.

The source also said the robbers carried bags suspected to have contained arms and ammunition.

Daily Trust gathered that they opened fire on a policeman in front of Union Bank branch at Ose-Okwodu market. The officer was however not hurt as he escaped and invited his men from the Special Anti-

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Robbery Squad (SARS) who reinforced and rounded up the hoodlums.

Mr. Rasheed Akintunde, Onitsha police Area Commander, confirmed the incident. He said one AK-47, one pump action, two daggers and charms were recovered from the criminals.

Akintunde said the robbers might have snatched the AK-47 riffle from a police patrol team at Asaba, Delta state sometime ago, in a battle which some policemen were wounded.

He said his command was battle-ready for hoodlums and advised armed robbers to turn a new leaf.

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