Squad kills 4 robbery suspects

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Benue State Anti-Robbery Squad, working with a hunter, Ali Kwara, says it has killed four suspected members of a "notorious" robbery gang.

Police Spokesman Samuel Jinadu told newsmen today in Makurdi that the gang attacked the wife of Taraba governor a month ago.

Jinadu said the squad ran into the gang today at about 5 a.m. on Zaki Biam/Katsina-Ala road.

He said during an exchange of fire the four suspects were killed, while one was arrested.

Jinadu said the suspect that was arrested confessed that the gang attacked the governor's wife, a missionary and a luxury bus, killing police escorts attached to them.

He also said the suspect confirmed that the gang was in possession of 12 guns and hundreds of bullets.

It was gathered that the gang had attacked motorists and traders on Zaki Biam/Katsina Ala road many times.

The frequent raids made Benue and Taraba governments to engage the police/army joint patrol.

It was also learnt that in the past three days, the squad had killed a total of 10 suspected robbers.

Meanwhile, Benue government has banned commercial motorcyclists from operating beyond 8 p.m. in Makurdi, to check the spate of crime. (NAN)

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