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Police kill 2 robbers in Sokoto



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Two armed robbers were yesterday killed in Tambuwal local government area of Sokoto State in an early morning shoot-out with the police.

The dead bodies of the robbers were displayed at the Tambuwal police station while one of the robbers who was arrested and detained was still helping the police to arrest the one who escaped during the shoot-out.

The robbers who operated along Salla-Sanyinna road on Wednesday night were said to have blocked the road for hours and robbed motorists and passengers who plied the road Wednesday night.

They ran out of luck at the early hours of yesterday when one of their victims sighted one of them who came to buy cigarette and alerted people around who followed him to their hide out and reported the matter to the police.

A combined team of the police and vigilante group confronted the four armed robbers and in a shoot-out two of them were gunned down while one was arrested with one escaping.

When a team of Journalists on tour of Tambuwal local government visited the Tambuwal police station, the DPO was not on seat as he was said to have travelled to the scene with the intention of fishing out the escaped robber.

However, all efforts made by the visiting journalists to interview

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the arrested robber proved abortive as the senior police officer on duty said “it is only the DPO who can say whether journalists can interview the robber or not”. The bodies of the two robbers who were killed were dumped outside the station for people to see and hundreds of people in Tambuwal trooped to the site to see the dead bodies.

Both robbers were within the ages of 25 to 27 while the only arrested criminal is between the age of 22 and 24. Meanwhile, the chairman of Tambuwal local government, Alhaji Abubakar Mohammed Babba has commended the police for tracking down the robbers and assured that, the council would support the police in what ever possible way to rid the local government of bad eggs.

He said he had a fruitful meeting with the state commissioner of police and the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in the local government last Wednesday on how to tackle the menace of armed robbers “and as you can all see we have started getting results.

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