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# 18 killed in Adamawa attacks

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The army and police in **Adamawa** State yesterday confirmed the killing of at least **18** persons in one of the bloodiest attacks on the town of Gombi in **Adamawa** State. An estimated 30 gunmen descended on the town in broad daylight on Thursday and raided two police stations, the branches of UBA and First Bank and other premises. They **killed** six policemen, one soldier and eight civilians before armed security personnel managed to kill three of them.

The police and army gave conflicting figures during their separate press conferences yesterday in Yola, but both figures point to a total of between 15 to **18** deaths. The state police commissioner Adenlere T. Shinaba told the news conference in his office that at least eight civilians, six policemen and one suspected bandit were **killed**. He displayed the dead body of the suspected bandit and several arms and ammunitions they said they had recovered from the suspects.

The army spokesman Lt Olukoya Victor however told a news conference at the army barracks in Yola that eight civilians, seven policemen and two suspected bandits were **killed** during the attack. The army spokesman said he could neither confirm nor deny the killing of one soldier because the operation is still ongoing. He said four vehicles full of explosions, six AK 47s, 437 ammunitions, a container filled with gunpowder and other forms of arms and ammunitions had been recovered.

He said, although some of the methods of the operation of the suspects resembled that of Boko Haram sect, it was too early to conclude that it was carried out by the sect, especially because the bank robberies were not specifically identical with Boko Haram's tactics.

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