

Robbers in military uniform shot dead in Port Harcourt

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TWO suspected armed robbers, dressed in military uniform were on Tuesday night killed by policemen in Port Harcourt, after a gun battle. According to a statement from the state's Police Command

yesterday, the two were among a four man gang of suspected robbers, who were on an operation at a petrol station. He added that the deceased, Bariyima and Alagba, opened fire on a team of police men from Kpor Division, while responding to a distress call from a petrol station.

The command's spokesman, DSP Ben Ugwuogbulam said, "Someone from Zigab petrol station made a distress call to Kpor Police Division, that about four armed robbers were attacking the station. The DPO and his team then rushed to the scene. On getting there, the suspects fired at the

police team, who fired back."

Ugwuogbulam added that though two of the robbers escaped, one AK 47 rifle with number 357401 with 4 live and 5 expanded ammunition as well as a locally made pistol were recovered.

In a separate incident, the police spokesperson said a gang of four

armed robbers were arrested on Tuesday night by the police patrol team in Rukpakrushi area of the state during an operation.

"Men of the Special Area Division rushed to the scene of robbery, and after a hot chase, arrested the suspects," he said.