

[Zamfara: Police kill 3 armed robbery suspects](#)

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Policemen from Zamfara State command Wednesday night killed three armed robbery suspects during a raid on a suspected criminal hideout in Asarara village in Shinkafi Local Government area of the state.

The hoodlums also shot dead a police officer during operation. Addressing newsmen yesterday at the command headquarters, Zamfara State Police Commissioner, Tambari Yabo Muhammad, said the encounter with the suspected criminals followed a report from villagers about suspicious activities in the said hideout. He said a team of policemen was dispatched to raid the house on Wednesday night, adding however that as soon as the officers arrived at the area, the hoodlums opened fire on them, killing one Constable Jamilu Usman.

Other policemen on the team engaged the attackers in a gun duel that led to the killing of three suspected armed robbers and the arrest of five others, said Yabo.

He gave the names of the arrested suspects as Lawwali Ajiya, Ahmed Sarkin Tasha, Yahaya Sule, Rabi'u Sani and Lawwali Liman.



The police said the criminals were being harboured by Ajiya, who they claimed is an Indian hemp dealer. Items recovered from the suspects include 7 rounds of ammunition, a sword and two sharp knives, said the police.