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SUSPECTED ARMED ROBBER SHOT ALONG KWALI-LOKOJA ROAD

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Police officers attached to the FCT Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) on Friday morning shot dead a suspected armed robber while two others escaped with gunshot injuries in a gun duel along Kwali-Lokoja expressway.

One AK 47 rifle with seven rounds of life ammunitions and one locally made pistol with one cartridge were among items recovered from the suspect.

According to police sources, the officers were on the heels of a Toyota Highlander jeep with registration number BP 218 GWA, which was reportedly stolen at Lugbe when the suspected armed robbers engaged the officers in a shootout.

The source added that it took the joint effort of officers from Kwali division of the FCT police command and SARS.

"They started shooting and hitting our patrol vehicle, our men then fired back and as a result one of the robbers was hit and confirmed dead in the hospital while the others were wounded," the source added.

The FCT police spokesperson, Deputy Superintendent Hyelhira Altine Daniel confirmed the incident and said the victim of the robbery informed the police that his boss had asked him to test-run the vehicle after some repairs when it was snatched.

"While he was driving the car, a red Toyota vehicle crossed him and two armed men alighted from the car, forced their way into the Toyota jeep, and pushed him away from the steering wheel. He was later pushed out of the vehicle while on motion around Lugbe," she said.

She said the victim immediately reported the incident at the police station which facilitated the recovery of the vehicle.

The police spokesperson said items recovered from the criminals include one AK 47 rifle with seven rounds of life ammunition and one locally made pistol with one cartridge. While she added that efforts are on to arrest other members of the gang.

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