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POLICE KILL SUSPECT, ARREST ANOTHER IN GUN DUEL

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Men of the FCT police command on Tuesday shot dead a suspected armed robber and arrested another one near Yaba Junction, along the Abuja-Lokoja road.

The police officers attached to the Abaji division of the FCT police engaged the suspected robbers who were dressed in army uniforms in a gun duel, killing one and arresting the other who sustained gun shot wound.

According to an eyewitness, six armed robbers dressed in army uniform emerged from the bush with sophisticated weapons, and flagged down vehicles coming from Gwagwalada axis of the road.

The witness said a vehicle escaped and alerted police officers while the armed robbers were trying to dispossess travellers of their valuables.

"I thought they were real army officers on patrol until one of them came out from the bush, shot into the air and forced passengers to alight from vehicles. Someone escaped and alerted the police," he said.

He added that the robbers engaged the policemen in a gun battle as they arrived the robbery scene.

When contacted, Abaji Divisional Police Officer, Mr. James Idachaba, confirmed the incident. He said one of the robbers in a camouflage uniform was shot during the gun duel after the police were tipped off about the robbery on Abuja-Lokoja road, adding that another suspect who was also in similar uniform was later arrested having sustained injury during the crossfire.

"The corpse of the robber and the one arrested have been taken to the FCT police command," he added.

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