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POLICE, ALI KWARA KILL 3 ARMED ROBBERS IN **GOMBE**

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A team of policemen attached to the Bauchi State command, in conjunction with Ali Kwara, the famous thief hunter, and the Gombe State police command, in the early hours of Friday, engaged eight armed robbers in a gun duel that lasted for about 45 minutes.

In the process, three of the robbers were gunned down while five escaped.

The police, led by Inspector Sulai Maji, were on the trail of some armed

robbers who had stolen vehicles from the Ibadan-Lagos axis and were heading to Gombe.

Speaking to Sunday Trust yesterday in Gombe, the command's

spokesman, DSP Fwaje Atajiri, said four rifles - one AK47, one G3, one light assault rifle, one SMG and a total of 205 ammunition, as well as two vehicles - one Honda Accord, 2011 model and a Toyota

Avalance - were recovered from the robbers.

Atajiri expressed satisfaction that their collaboration with the general public and policemen from neighbouring states had been yielding positive results, and reiterated the resolve of the command to make Gombe a no-go-area

Speaking to our correspondent, Ali Kwara said, "We had a

report that some armed robbers were on their way to Gombe; hence, we collaborated with the Gombe State police command to block them

in Gombe. And we succeeded in killing three of them, just as we recovered two vehicles out of the cars that were stolen in Lagos.

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