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ROBBERS KILL POLICE ESCORT ALONG ABUJA-LOKOJA HIGHWAY.

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A gang of some suspected armed robbers on Friday morning shot dead a police escort at Piri village, along the Abuja-Lokoja Highway.

A witness said the incident happened at about 7:13 am when the suspected robbers numbering eight and carrying sophisticated weapons, suddenly emerged from the bush and attacked a police escort vehicle coming from Lokoja axis.

The witness said the robbers had first flagged down a Volkswagen Golf with registration number XC 826 GWA immediately they emerged from the bush and disposed all its occupants of their money before one of the police escort vehicles rammed into them.

He said the robbers flagged down the police vehicle and that policemen inside the vehicle engaged them in a shootout and in the process, one of the policemen was gun

Our reporter gathered that the robbers, after killing the police officer escaped back to

City News further learnt that police federal highway patrol team, police anti-robbery squad as well as policemen from Kwali divisional headquarters arrived the scene some minutes after the incident.

When contacted, Kwali Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mr. Etim Iyang, confirmed the killing of a police escort by some suspected armed robbers, saying the corpse have been deposited at University of Abuja Teaching Hospital morgue at Gwagwalada.

The divisional police officer said his men and those of the police federal highways as well as the police surveillance team are always patrolling the highway in order to checkmate robbery activities along the road.

"We are still combing the area in order to find out their hideouts and bring them to book," he said.

In December last year, a suspected robber in army uniform was shot dead along the same road, while two others were arrested during a shootout with the police.

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