

Police in Benue kill three suspected robbers

POLICEMEN from the Benue State Police Command yesterday gunned down three suspected armed robbers in Makurdi as they attempted to rob some residents at a suburb.

The killing brings to 12, suspected armed robbers killed by members of the anti-robbery squad in the last two weeks in the state.

Briefing journalists on the latest killing, Command Public Relations Officer, Adesanya Jinadu, said members of the command's anti-robbery squad responded to distress calls from neighbours of the victims of the slain armed robbers.

When the squad arrived at the scene of the robbery, Jinadu said the suspected robbers opened fire on them, leaving them with no option but to fight back. He said in the course of the exchange of fire, the three suspected robbers were killed, while others escaped.

The Benue Police spokesman warned crim-

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inals to flee Benue State, saying that there will be no hiding place for questionable characters in the state. He said the command has mapped out strategies to ensure that armed robbers are fished out.

He advised parents to keep tab on their children, stating that most of the persons committing heinous crimes around the state were youths who are not properly guided by their parents.

Last week, Benue Police Commissioner, Mr. Ibe Aghanya, raised alarm that students of the Benue State University and those rusticated by the institution were responsible for a higher percentage of robberies in the state.

Armed robbery operations in Makurdi, the Benue State capital have been at all time high in the last three months, leading to the state Assembly calling on the state police command to step up its anti-robbery