

Police kill suspected robbers in Lagos

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TWO suspected armed robbers were killed yesterday in a shootout with a team of anti-robbery policemen in the Ajegunle area of Lagos State.

The bandits, who were coming from a robbery operation, had sighted the police team and open fire on it, which the latter returned.

At the end of the cross-fire, which occurred on Abukum Street, Ajegunle two of the robbers were killed. Four short guns were recovered from the scene.

The state police spokesman, Mr. Frank Mba, confirmed the incident to *The Guardian*.

Meanwhile, Mba has disclosed that the state's Commissioner of Police Mr. Marvel Akpoyibo, has directed all Divisional Police Officers (DPOs) to beef up security ahead the festive season.

Akpoyibo's directive followed a recent meeting held at Force Headquarters, Abuja during which the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Mike Okiro, directed all commissioners of police to beef up security nationwide to check armed banditry.

The Force Public Relations Officer, Mr. Agberebi Akpobi, in an interview with *The Guardian* at the weekend, said the police high command had adopted new strategies to battle criminals and ensure peace across the country.

He commended the Lagos State government for the recent donation of one million bullets, 1,000 AK-47 Assault rifle and 10 Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) to the state police command. The equipment had since been deployed to different black spots in the state to check underworld activities.