

Police kill one, arrest five suspected car snatchers

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LAGOS State Police Command have arrested four members of a car snatching syndicate, killing one of them and recovering sophisticated arms and ammunition from them.

The Command's Spokesman, Mr. Frank Mba, said yesterday that the suspects were caught in their hideout at Okokomaiko on the outskirts of Lagos with arms ranging from AK-47 rifle, pump action rifle, brownie pistols and other weapons.

"This weekend, police men from Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), Ikeja, who were investigating a case of armed robbery earlier reported by a victim were led by one of the suspects, Sunday Jalowa.

Jalowa is a self-confessed armed robber earlier arrested and transferred to SARS by men of the Victoria Island Police Station to a criminal hideout in Okokomaiko where four more suspects - Tunde Ajala, Yusuf Adekunle, Fanus Aotakile and Koseman Jubril were arrested", Mba said.

He hinted that one AK-47 rifle, a pump-action gun, a brownie pistol and 10 live cartridges were recovered from the suspects.

A Honda Accord Salon car earlier snatched from a victim was also recovered.

"One of the suspects, who sustained bullet wounds during the operation, died on the way to hospital, Mba said.

Also yesterday, operatives from SARS, who acted on a tip-off, arrested one Chima Obi along Government Reserved Area (GRA), Ikeja with a Honda Accord car, which he snatched from a victim at Surulere.

Meanwhile, the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Marvel Akpoyibo, has instructed the anti-robbery squad to speed up action against robbers and deal with those found culpable.