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Former President, Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM), Dr. Michael Omolayole (left); outgoing President, Dr. Sally Nkem Adukwu-Bolujoko; Prince Julius Adelusi Adeluyi and Dr. Michael Olawale Cole, during the investiture of Cole as the 18th President and Chairman of the institute in Lagos...yesterday

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Five feared killed as police, robbers clash in Kogi

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IN what seemed to be a renewed onslaught, armed robbers killed four policemen in Okene area of Kogi State and carted away their AK 47 rifles.

But in a reprisal attack yesterday, the Okene Police Command raided the bandits' hide out, razed it and in the process, a 19 year old boy was

said to have been killed by stray bullets.

The slain policemen attached to the Area Commanders office in Okene were shot dead on their way to the office at about 8 pm.

It was gathered that the policemen were ambushed along Okene -Auchi road at Ahache junction by the hoodlums, killing all of them and carting away their arms.

The Guardian confirmed that some police men had earlier on Wednesday morning along Ogori Magogo intercepted a golf car conveying 10 Ak 47 rifle.

One occupant of the vehicle ran away, leaving behind the driver and a female occupant who are now in police net.

A source said eight out of the 10 recovered guns belong to Kabba Police Division that was invaded last month by

some suspected armed robbers, during which a first generation bank's branch and the Divisional Police Command were bombed.

In the reprisal attack, the police were said to have attacked Ahache village in Agassa area burning a house suspected to be the hideout of the bandits.

In the ensuing fracas, a 19 year-old boy was said to have been hit by stray bullets,

while another boy suspected to be a thug was also shot in the leg.

The State's Police Public Relations Officer Ajayi Okasomi who confirmed the incident said steps had been taken to track down the robbers.

He explained that the 10 AK 47 recovered was a major breakthrough in the effort of the Police to ensure security in the state.