

**Police Storm
Robbers Base In
Enugu, Kill One**

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A suspected armed robber was gunned down on Sunday when policemen invaded a suspected operational base of armed robbers at Coal Camp, Enugu based on a tip-off by some concerned residents.

The robbers were said to be preparing for another operation from their base at Ajagu Street, Coal Camp by Mbanugo Bus-Stop, when policemen swooped on them, in a commando like manner.

According to sources, the policemen, who were irked by the killing of two of their colleagues last Sunday by armed robbers, entered the operational base of the robbers in disguise and the hoodlums opened fire on them when they noticed their presence.

The police returned fire and after the ensuing gun duel that was said to have lasted up to thirty minutes, one of the bandits was killed in the process while others were said to have escaped.

The corpse of the slain robber whose name could not be ascertained was still lying at the Central Police Station in Enugu as of the time this report was filed.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in Enugu State , Mr. Mike Abatam (DSP) confirmed the incident when contacted on phone by *Daily Independent*.

Abatam said that the robbers were gearing up for another operation when the police besieged their hideout and engaged them in a shoot out, confirming that one of them was killed in the process, while others escaped.