

Four Die In Police, Robbers Clash

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Armed robbers engaged policemen in a shootout in Lagos State on Wednesday.

At the end of the gun duel, two robbers and two policemen were killed.

The incident occurred at Coconut Bus Stop, Trinity, Apapa, Lagos, at about 11.30 a.m.

Sources told *Daily Independent* that the robbers, numbering seven and armed with sophisticated weapons, fired the first shot when they fell into anti-robbery operatives from Area 'B' command headquarters, Apapa, who were on routine patrol of Trinity area in the early hours of the day.

The robbers, it was gathered, were on a mission to raid a bank in the area.

They opened fire on sighting the police team, killing two of them on the spot.

But the police were not deterred. They went after the fleeing robbers, killing two of them and arresting three others with bullet wounds.

A Honda Accord saloon car with registration number EF 843 ABJ, four AK47 rifles, three sledgehammers, two acetylene cylinders, gas, a pumping machine and other house-breaking implements were recovered from the gang, *Daily Independent* gathered.

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Olubode Ojajuni, confirmed the incident.

According to him, the police team put up a gallant fight culminating in the arrest of the suspects.

Two other policemen wounded in the exchange of fire were receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital, he said.