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Isangaya Model School by Vice President Mohammed Namadi Sambo in Buzaye

Ningi representing Bauchi Central.

Others include Senator

said it will go a long way in tackling the problem of education.

Police burst robbery gang in Benue

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THE BENUE State Command of the Nigeria Police has cracked a robbery gang that terrorised motorists and commuters along the Ukum/Wukari roads in Benue and Taraba states.

In a shoot-out with the gang, the police said, the gang leader, Deermberga Tyohuna aka Commander, was shot to death, while

other members of the gang escaped into the bush with gunshot wounds.

Commissioner of Police, Adams Audu, who confirmed the incident to *Sunday Independent*, said luck ran out on the gang during an operation they carried out on Agena Agbayi Road in Ukum Local Government Area of the state, when a patrol vehicle received a distress call from the people of the area.

He explained that the

hoodlums numbering seven and armed with AK-47 rifles had barricaded the Agena Agbayi Road about 8.30 a.m. and were robbing commuters that were on their way to Peva market in Taraba.

Based on the tip-off, the Police Commissioner noted that the patrol team immediately moved into the area, and on sighting the police, the robbers opened fire.

The police reportedly responded with as much fire

power leading to the shooting of the gang leader.

He further explained that Tyohuan, who was ripped with bullet wounds, died on the way to the hospital while others escaped into the bush, probably, with bullet wounds.

The commissioner told newsmen that one AK-47 rifle, seven empty shells of expended ammunition, charms and one Tecno mobile phone were recovered at the scene of the robbery.