

Police Kill One Armed Robbery Suspect, Injure Another

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Yenagoa – The police in Bayelsa State have killed a suspected armed robber and fatally wounded another in a gun duel.

The incident happened on Sunday at the Azikoro suburb of the state capital, Yenagoa.

A press statement on Sunday by DSP Asinim Butswat, the spokesman of the state police command, said the victims were among a gang of three bandits who were carrying out robbery attack behind the health centre in Azikoro area at about 2am.

It gave the name of the deceased criminal suspect as Selebamodei Ogili, 23, a jail bird.

The wounded suspect is one Kimipanipre P. Franklin alias 'Castro', a 22-year-old final year Political Science student of Niger Delta University (NDU).

It stated that men of the Azikoro Divisional Police Anti-Robbery Team, who acted on the command's control room alert, had swiftly stormed the robbery scene and met the three hoodlums in operation.

The statement added that they engaged the policemen in a shoot out, but they lost one of their members while another sustained severe gunshot wounds.

“The (police) team recovered one locally made cut-to-size gun, two live cartridges, eight mobile phones, some jewelries and some cash”, it stated.

The police command said that Franklin “confessed that they are members of Bobos cult group.”

It said that three victims of the robbery attack, Iprebo Ayebanengiyefa, Awubare Ife and one Sunny Peter, “have identified their phones among those recovered from the suspects”.

The police command said that the third suspect is at large and effort has been intensified to arrest him.

“Further investigation has led to the arrest of one Favour Wisdom ‘f’, 16, the girl friend of the deceased suspect, who is allegedly their armourer”, it added.

The police command called on members of the public to continue to support the police by providing useful information to ensure a safer Bayelsa.

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