

Three Robbery Suspects Killed In Police Shoot-Out In Benue, 19 Arrested

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Mukaddas, Benue CP

MAKURDI – Three armed robbery suspects have been shot dead in Benue, in a shootout with the police in Benue State.

The Benue State Command of the Nigeria Police disclosed that the robbers were shot at Iyom village along Kwande – Ogbudu road, in Kwande Local Government Area (LGA) of the state last Friday.

A statement by the Benue State Commissioner of Police (CP), Mukaddas Garba, said men of the command raided the hideout of the robbers following a robbery incident in the axis.

He further explained that on arrival at the robbers' hideout they opened fire on the police, thus compelling the security agents to reply them; fire for fire.

Mukaddas said, "On sighting the Police Officers, the hoodlums engaged the police in a gun duel and three of the gang members sustained gunshot wounds.

"The suspects were rushed to the hospital for treatment but were confirmed dead" on arrival at the hospital by doctors on duty."

The CP said items recovered from the suspects include one AK- 47 rifle, one locally made pistol, 15 rounds of 9mm live ammunition, one single barrel gun, a pair of camouflage uniform and assorted charms.

Mukaddas stated that further investigations by the police led to the arrest of one Aandover Vishigh, aka Origbo of Nanev village, Kwande LGA, who confessed to be the operational driver of the gang.

Meanwhile, the state police boss said 19 robbery suspects were arrested in the month of January.

He, however, noted that some of them have been charged to court while investigation into the activities of some was still ongoing.

Amongst those arrested were two suspects of a three-man robbery who attacked the police while on patrol along the Otukpa – Obollo Road.

The suspects who were arrested in a black Lexus 350 jeep on their way to sell it in Abuja confessed to the crime.

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