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## Police Kill 5 Robbery Suspects In Taraba

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The Police in Bali Divisional Headquarters in Taraba on Tuesday killed five notorious armed robbers who have been terrorising motorists and passengers in Nahuta village of Maihula District, Bali local government area of the state.

Recall that it was Nahuta village that an assistant superintendent of police in charge of Maihula was shot last year by unknown gunmen while on night patrol.

The public relations officer of the police command, ASP Joseph Kwaji confirmed the incident.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the armed robbers numbering about 18 were said to have blocked the major highway in Nahuta village, along the Bali-Jalingo road, robbing and torturing motorists and passengers.

The marauders who were all wearing black shirts and trousers were said to have had their guns guarded with charms and amulets as they robbed their victims in broad day light using locally made pistols, machetes, knives, sticks and other dangerous weapons. A witness who spoke with LEADERSHIP on the activities of the gangs in the area revealed that the armed bandits used a Toyota Starlet car seized from one of their victims to barricade the major highway with, having set fire on both sides of the road to prevent the oncoming vehicle from accessing them from a distance as they perpetrated their heinous acts.

LEADERSHIP gathered that luck ran out on the robbers when a senior police officer from the division who was on his way to Jalingo, saw the robbers and they gave the bandits a hot chase, resulting in a shoot-out which fell five of the hoodlums.

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