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Niger Police Kill Cross-border Robbery Gang Leader

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Niger State Police Command has killed a leader of an armed robbery gang that has been terrorising the border town of Kabe in Borgu local government area of Niger State for 20 years.

The armed robbery gang operated between Kabe/Safeluna village located at the border between Nigeria and Benin Republic mostly on market days to dispossess traders of their money and other valuables.

The commissioner of police in

charge of the command, Olusola Emmanuel Amore, told a news conference over the weekend at the Police Headquarters, Dustenkura Minna, the gang leader was killed in a gun duel during an operation.

He said a pistol, five live ammunition, two empty cartridges, knives, cutlasses and motorcycles were recovered from the gang.

The commissioner, who said other members of the gang fled after a gun duel during an operation refused to give their names because of investigation, but stated that the

gang leader who was killed gave up at the hospital from injuries sustained in the gun battle with the police.

He said that within one month, 174 suspects were arrested by the command for various offences including cultism, armed robbery, theft, car snatching and culpable homicide.

Amore stated that 19 arms and 21 ammunition as well as three vehicles and 11 motorcycles were recovered, while 31 of the cases were still under investigation.