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Police Kill Bank Robber In Bayelsa, Arrest Two

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The residents of Yenegoa, the Bayelsa State capital, yesterday showed signs of frustration against the continued violent attacks on individuals and businessmen by armed bandits. They offered assistance to men of the police command which led to the killing of a suspected bank robber and the arrest of two others over their involvement in indiscriminate shooting and illegal gun possession.

While customers to a new generation bank, Bank PHB, provided information that led to the detection of two armed bandits, suspected to be involved in snatching of money from customers of various banks in the state capital. Indigenes of Ikolo community in Yenagoa Local Area alerted police operatives of the involvement of some youths in indiscriminate shooting of guns on Monday night which led to their arrest.

Parading the suspects yesterday, the Divisional Police Officer of Ekeki Area "B" command, Mr. Nemi Iwo, described the assistance offered to the police by residents of the state capital as timely and a sign that they are tired of criminal activities.

Iwo, while explaining how one of the bank robbers was shot by his men along Ekeki area, said the action of the public and the quick response of the police prevented what would have been a heist for the criminals.

He said the police received a call from concerned citizens about the noticeable actions of two suspects around Bank PHB premises. "As the police patrol team approached the bank, the suspects took to their heels, one was shot dead, while the other suspect dropped his gun inside a drainage system and escaped."

Eyewitness told Leadership that a middle aged woman, who claimed to have been robbed the previous day, alerted passersby of the identity of the men and consequently called in the police.

At Ikolo Community in Yenagoa Local Government Area, the indigenes of the community were reportedly frustrated by the continued harassment of residents by youths suspected to be cultists and invited the police to effect their arrest after a shooting spree that threw the town into panic.


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