

# Edo police kill 8 suspected robbers in gun battle

**P**OLICEMEN in Benin City, the Edo State capital, yesterday killed eight armed robbers in a gun duel after the bandits raided the the Ikpoba Hill branch of a consolidated first generation bank.

But the robbers' bullet hit a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) who was said to be on danger list in a private hospital as of press time.

Reports said the robbers carted away over N7 million.

The State Police Commissioner Mr Hasan Balla confirmed the story. He said eight of them were gunned down and four bodies

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were recovered.

*The Nation* learnt that the bandits, numbering about 16, after the robbery, escaped from the bank through Ikpoba River and when police lost sight of them, they waited for them at the bye pass and subsequently engaged them in exchange of fire where the DSP was shot.

"We were called that robbers had broken into the bank's Ikpoba Hill branch and they were firing and of course, our men went there with State Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) men.