Police say six killed in shootout with robbers

SIX people, including three policemen, were killed in a gun battle with robbers in Lagos at the weekend, police said yesterday.

"We lost three officers while we killed three armed robbers during the shoot-out at Onikan on Sunday," a senior police officer said.

He said police chased the robbers from Ikeja, where they had snatched a car, some 15 kilometres (nine miles) to Onikan where the shooting broke out.

"We got them at Onikan and there was a shoot-out," he added.

He said a wounded robber was arrested and was being questioned.