

Police kill suspected armed robber in Ekiti

• Arrest five others

POLICEMEN in Ekiti State yesterday killed a suspected armed robber who had been allegedly terrorising residents of Ikere-Ekiti and its environs.

They also arrested five robbery suspects believed to have operated in many parts of the state.

Addressing reporters yesterday, Deputy Commissioner of Police Fabian Ojiri said the suspected robber

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was killed on Monday in a gun duel with the police.

Ojiri said the suspect was the brain behind the attack on some National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) members in Ikere.

The victims sent a distress call to the police, whose men stormed the scene of the robbery.

Ojiri said the command arrested five suspected armed robbers in parts of the state.

Items recovered from them included a Suzuki mini bus, locally-made pistols, five cartridges, five laptops, six mobile phones, one cassette recorder and N52, 000.

Fabian said a suspected armed robber, who partici-

pated in a robbery operation carried out at the home of a member of the State House of Assembly, Hon. David Taiwo in Ado-Ekiti, escaped arrest by the whiskers.

He, however, said the police recovered one Golf car marked LAGS 513 JJJ from the suspect.

The police chief said Mr. S.A. Arowolo, who was kid-

napped on June 2, had been released without any ransom paid.

He said 14 suspected cultists were arrested on July 8 at Ikogosi-Ekiti in Ekiti West Local Government Area where they were conducting an initiation.

The cultists, Ojiri said, had admitted their membership of the Black Axe Confraternity.

He said the suspects would soon be arraigned in court.