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Seven persons were killed and several others injured on Wednesday when soldiers and policemen engaged armed robbers in a shoot-out in Uyo, the Akwa Ibom State capital.

Those killed include a policeman; three suspected armed robbers and three passers-by.

Commissioner of Police Sani Magaji confirmed the incident yesterday.

Magaji said: "In the shootout, three of the hoodlums were gunned down, while others escaped with bullet wounds. A policeman was shot and three passers-by were hit by stray bullets.

"More than 800 rounds of live ammunition and two vehicles were recovered."

Two suspected kidnappers were paraded yesterday. One is Anietie John from Obot Etok in Nsit Ibom Local Government Area. The name of the other suspect was not immediately known.

The police chief said Anietie was arrested following a tip-off.

He said some items, including a car and ammunition, were recovered from his home.

Donald Augustine Edet of Ekit Itam in Itu Local Government Area and Victor Augustine Ibekwe from Urua Inyang in Ika Local Government were also paraded.

According to Magaji, the suspects, believed to be Port Harcourt-based kidnappers and armed robbers, were arrested while trying to procure arms at Ikot Inyang in Ibiono Ibom Local Government.

He said the suspects would be charged to court soon.

There was outrage yesterday at the Uyo City Polytechnic, following Wednesday's killing of a student by a rival cult group.

It was learnt the deceased, an ND1 Business Management student, was shot by a confraternity on a revenge mission.

Sources said the deceased was at a popular pub opposite the school when the 'boys' arrived.

"Before he could escape, the 'boys' shot him repeatedly."

The police have made several arrests and closed down the pub.

The Head of Ndueotong Oku, where the school is located, Eteidung Sunday Akpan, confirmed the incident.



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