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Police kill three suspected robbers in Delta

THREE suspected robbers have been shot dead in Delta State.

Four others were paraded yesterday at the police headquarters in Asaba, the state capital.

The three dead suspected robbers were said to have been killed during a gun battle with policemen.

Police Commissioner Alkali Baba Usman, who paraded the bodies of the suspected robbers before reporters, said the command achieved the feat following its resolve to rid the state of hoodlums within the last four months.

According to him, the police got information that the gang was planning to attack business concerns on the Apala Road in Warri.

Usman said the command ambushed the hoodlums in the

From Okungbowa Alwerie, Asaba

area.

He recalled that when the gang sighted the police, they shot at the policemen.

The police chief said the hoodlums could not match the fire power of his men, leading to the death of the three suspected robbers.

Usman said items recovered from the hoodlums included two AK-47 rifles with numbers 562538090 and 562623141; AK-49 rifle, with number 1968Kh9372; K2 rifle number 061487; 43 rounds of AK ammunition and a Vento car, with registration number AE 681 BKW.

The police chief also paraded

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ed two suspected robbers belonging to a four-man gang.

They were said to have been terrorising Aladja and its environs in Udu Local Government Area.

He said the gang, on October 1, "invaded a land beach, owned by Oluwaseun Adedayo at Aladja; tied up the security guards and removed parts of the dredgers, valued at N2 million".

The two suspects - Ovie Onodjia and Zachaeus Ekakite - of Ugbolo village in Okpe Local Government Area, were reportedly arrested, following a tip-off.

Usman said some of the stolen parts were recovered from the suspects, adding that investigating was on-going to arrest

other members of the gang.

The police chief also paraded a three-man gang, which allegedly specialised in cars' master keys.

They were arrested on Airport Road in Warri while attempting to open a parked car with a master key.

Usman said when the suspects were searched on the spot, two master keys, charms and N419,000 were recovered from them.

The police chief said investigation was ongoing in the matter.

The suspects, who admitted to the crimes, told our reporter that they used master keys to open car doors and remove vital parts.

But they denied stealing the car, adding that their master keys could not start the engine.