

Five suspected robbers killed

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•Arms, ammunition recovered

Five suspected robbers have been killed and others injured in a clash between the robbers and the Inspector General of Police Anti-Robbery Squad, which partnered a hunter, Ali Kwarra, in Bauchi State.

Police spokesman Haruna Mohammed told reporters yesterday that arms and ammunition were recovered from the suspects.

He said the battle followed an intelligence report received by the police and Kwarra's partnership team.

Mohammed said: "The incident occurred at Kunjin/Lodio forest, Bursari, in Zaki Local Government Area of Bauchi State. The suspects were attacked while preparing for an operation."

He said four AK 47 rifles, one locally-made revolver pistol, 164 rounds of 7.62 live ammunition, nine rounds of .9mm ammunition, seven empty magazines, two expended ammunition and N17,000, cash were recovered from the suspected robbers.

The police spokesman said their bodies were taken to the Federal Medical Centre, Azare morgue and investigation was on.

Kwarra said the suspects terrorised residents.

He said they killed people and imposed levies on the villagers, ranging from N400,000 to N1 million.

The Secretary of Miyetti Allah, Alhaji Adamu Gidado, said: "The robbers snatched over N41 million after killing seven people. I hope and pray that now that they are dead, we will experience peace."