

Police kill suspected armed robber in Ekiti

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The men of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) of the Ekiti State Police Command have killed a suspected armed robber during a gun duel along Ikere-Ise Road. The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Alberto Adeyemi, in a statement on Saturday explained that SARS operatives intercepted the seven-man gang at about 10.00 pm and engaged them in a gun battle.

Adeyemi said one of the robbers named Barnabas was killed in the crossfire while another gang member whose name was given as Jelili Wale sustained bullet wounds. Wale is presently receiving treatment while the SARS team recovered two (2) cut-to-size guns, cartridges and motorcycles from the suspects.

The police spokesperson disclosed that the police is on the trail of other suspects that escaped with bullet wounds and urged members of the public to always volunteer information that could lead to the arrests of criminals among them.

Meanwhile, members of the Vigilante Group of Nigeria in the Southwest have declared war on cross-border terrorism and other crimes in the geopolitical zone.

Rising from a meeting in Ado Ekiti, the Ekiti State capital, yesterday, the security outfit said proactive measures would be adopted to make the zone free of armed robbery, kidnapping, ritual killing and other violent crimes.

Ondo State Commandant of VGN, Gideon Akinwumi, expressed dismay at the increasing wave of armed robbery and other crimes in the region expressing the group's readiness to curb the menace.

VGN Commandant in Osun State, Fatai Akinola, said VGN in all the six states in the Southwest will form a synergy to combat crime and make the zone a no-go area for criminals and terrorists.

His Ekiti State counterpart, Bola Aliu, called for cooperation of all state governments in the zone to assist the security agency with patrol vehicles, arms, ammunition and other logistics to tackle crime in the grassroots.