

# Benue police kill 5 armed robbery suspects

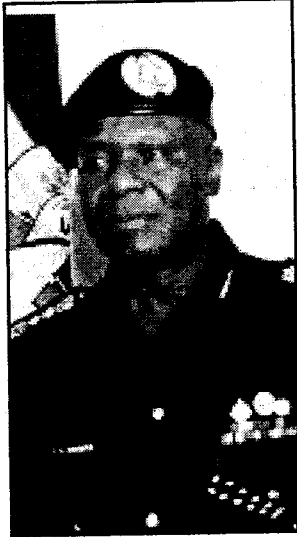
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NEMESIS has caught up with the suspected armed robbers who specialized in terrorizing traders and mounting road blocks on high ways within Benue State as they were gunned down by a team of anti-robbery squad of the police command.

The suspected robbers were shot dead by the police during one of their operations along Ugbema/Katsina – Ala high way following a tip-off.

The members of the gang were mostly noted for their operational style, by disguis-

ing themselves as military



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personnel to carry out their robbery operations.

Briefing newsmen at the State Police Command, the command image maker, DSP Samuel Jinadu said the officers acted on a tip-off and in an ensuing gun battle, five members of the gang were shot dead.

He stated that the gang had already robbed a passenger bus on the same route and carted away goods worth millions of Naira before nemesis eventually caught up with them in their next operation.

Items recovered from them according to the police image

maker, include one pump action gun, a revolver pistol with six round cartridge and army camouflage uniforms.

Speaking further, Mr. Jinadu said the area becomes a flash point following a petition written to the state police commissioner by residents of the area about continuous armed robber activities. It was on the strength of this that the anti-robbery squad was dispatched to the area on routine checking.

The image maker said the command is ready to fight crime in the state and solicited for people's cooperation.