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Robbers kill 8 policemen, 3 others in Edo

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AN armed robbery gang Wednesday shot dead 8 policemen and injured 3 others in two separate incidents in Edo State.

In the first incident, heavily armed robbers were said to have attacked a bullion van in Benin City with a view to carting away its contents but unfortunately there was no money in the van.

But acting on the distressed call from the police escorts, the Divisional police Officer in charge of Ikpoba Hill police Division in Benin City was said to have led a team of policemen to combat the dare-devil armed robbers.

The policemen were said to have laid in wait for the robbers but during the exchange of gunfire, the DPO, DTO, DCO, an

Inspector and a Police Sergeant were alleged to have been killed by the robbers.

The corpses of the police officers were later taken to the police headquarters in Benin.

Also, in the early hours of Wednesday, a gang of hoodlums made a false call to the police claiming that there was an abandoned vehicle at the Benin By Pass but opened fire on the policemen on their arrival at the scene.

It was learnt that 3 policemen were killed while 3 others were wounded.

The police image maker in the state, ASP Peter Ogboi said he could not confirm the death toll saying that the police commissioner, Danlami Yar Adua was in a crucial meeting with the AIG of the Zone 5 over incident