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2 Operation Skolombo kills robbery suspect in Calabar

A armed robbery suspect, popularly called **Ak 1**, has been killed by the **Operation Skolombo** Special Task Force in Calabar, Cross River State.

The task force, comprising of the Army, Police, Navy, and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, was set up by the Cross River State government to curb criminal activities within Calabar, the state capital.

The armed robbery suspect was shot in his upper abdomen at Bogobiri Area, Mary Slessor Road, Calabar, while he was on operation with members of his gang.

Bogobiri area is a settlement of the Hausa/Fulani in Calabar where business activities, including exchange of foreign currencies, selling of cattle, fruit, yams and others take place.

An eyewitness, Alhaji Shehu Kabir, told **News**

Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Monday that the suspect and his gang now at large had been terrorising and robbing businessmen and women at the area for a long time.

"On New Year's day, **AK 1** and his gang robbed one Alhaji in this area and collected some dollars from him.

"Youths around the area pursued them on that fateful day, but they escaped.

"In the early hours of Monday, around 1 a.m, this same gang tried to rob one of the biggest businessmen in this area.

"But unfortunately, luck ran out on them because the **Operation Skolombo** van was on patrol, and the security details saved the occasion.

"The **Operation Skolombo** security guys shot at them; two of his members

escaped while the bullet caught him right in his upper abdomen," Alhaji Kabir said.

Confirming the incident, Captain Kayode Owolabi, the Public Relations Officer of 13 Brigade Nigerian Army, Calabar, told **NAN** that the suspect belonged to a three-man robbery gang.

According to him, **Operation Skolombo** had received several complaints about the criminal activities of the gang at the Bogobiri area.

"The suspect was shot by men of the **Operation Skolombo** while on patrol. The suspect had been using local pistols in terrorising businessmen at Bogobiri area.

"We have called the police to come over so that we can hand over the corpse to them," Captain Owolabi said.

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