

## 2 Civil Defence official, armed robber killed in gun battle in Bayelsa

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**A**N operative of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) attached to the Bayelsa State Command died in a gun battle with armed robbers who laid siege for the NSCDC officials.

It was learnt that the incident took place along Kolo Creek in Ogbia Local Government Area of the state on Wednesday.

A gang of suspected armed robbers operating

in the area was said to have laid an ambush for a patrol van of the NSCDC operatives.

The armed robbers, it was further learnt, reportedly laid ambush for the civil defenders after allegedly attacking a police checkpoint first along the road.

The robbers were said to have allegedly caught the policemen off guard and disarmed them about 12:24a.m on Wednesday.

A security source, who did not want to be quoted, claimed that

the suspected robbers succeeded in forcing them to surrender their weapons.

The source said the robbers made away with about three AK-47 rifles and several rounds of ammunition belonging to the police.

He said: "When they escaped from the scene, they sighted a security patrol van manned by operatives of the NSCDC and hid in the bush. When the van approached, they opened fire on it, killing one of

the officers.

"However, when the NSCDC officials came under fire, they responded, killing one of the armed robbers, while others escaped," the source said.

It was gathered that the body of the armed robber, with his pump-action rifle, was recovered by the operatives and brought to the NSCDC headquarters in Yenagoa.

They reportedly handed the body over to the state commandant, Mr Desmond Agu.

When contacted, Agu

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