

## Police kill highway robber, dislodge others in Gombe

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OPERATIVES of the Gombe State police command have killed a suspected armed robber while others escaped with gunshot wounds following an exchange of gunfire during a robbery attempt.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Mahid Abubakar, in a press statement on Thursday, said

the incident occurred on Thursday at about 5:00a.m.

He said a commercial vehicle coming to Gombe from Bauchi axis informed men of MOPOL 34 PMF attached to Wuro Dole checkpoint that at about 4:30a.m, some armed robbers blocked the Gombe/Bauchi road with stones and robbed them of their valuables.

Abubakar said on getting the report, the police team mobi-

lised and boarded the same commercial bus back to the scene of the incident with the intent of getting the armed robbers.

"On reaching the point, the robbers suddenly came out and approached the bus with the intention to attack and rob the occupants, but they took to their heels on sighting policemen inside.

"The policemen went after

them and succeeded in neutralising one of the suspects, while the others escaped most likely with gunshot wounds," he added.

The command's spokesperson said the robbers were fully armed with machetes, sticks, and fabricated guns.

He added that the suspect's corpse was deposited at the State Specialist Hospital, Gombe morgue.