

② One killed, one arrested as robbers attack Abeokuta market ③

THE police command in Ogun State on Thursday confirmed that one trader was killed on Wednesday by armed robbers who invaded a popular phone market in Abeokuta, the state capital.

According to the ***News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)***, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Abimbola Oyeyemi, however, said in a statement issued in Abeokuta on Thursday that one of the armed robbers

was arrested.

Oyeyemi explained that the police successfully repelled the armed robbers who invaded the Tarmac phone market located at Oke Ilewo area.

He said seven of the armed robbers escaped with a manhunt to apprehend them already in place.

He explained that the gang, numbering about eight, stormed the market at about 5:30p.m, shot sporadically and dispossessed

traders of expensive phones.

Oyeyemi said the robbers were forced to run by the combined fire power of the police and Amotekun Corps, led by the Divisional Police Officer, Ibara Division, Abayomi Adeniji.

"On sighting the policemen, the robbers engaged them in a gun duel, but due to the superior fire power of the policemen, the hoodlums took to their heels.

"They were hotly-chased

and with the assistance of the market men, one of the robbers was apprehended.

"Unfortunately, one Dayo Bankole, a trader in the market, who was shot by the robbers, gave up the ghost while receiving treatment at General Hospital, Ijaye, Abeokuta," he said.

The police spokesman stated that one double-barreled locally-made gun and charms were recovered from the suspect.

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