

Policemen kill three robbery suspects

Oyingbo terminus Lagos

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POLICEMEN, on Saturday, killed three men suspected to be members of an armed robbery gang that specialises in robbing passengers inside luxury buses.

Two other suspects sustained gunshot wounds during the encounter with the policemen.

Investigation by our correspondent showed that seven suspected armed robbers, posing as passengers, boarded a Kano-bound luxury bus from the Oyingbo Terminus in Lagos.

It was learnt that the robbers sat at strategic positions in the bus and one of them later took over the steering when the vehicle was on the

Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

Some of the passengers brought to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Osogbo, said some of the robbers were on the verge of raping some female passengers before the robbery was foiled.

The Assistant Commissioner of Police, Operations, Osun Police Command, Mr Hassan Mohammed, said the slow movement of the vehicle attracted the attention of the patrol team.

* The policemen therefore decided to trail the suspects.

Consequently, the robbery suspect behind the wheel swerved off the expressway into the bush in Ikire.

They later abandoned

the bus and took to their heels just as the police shot two of them dead.

One of the suspects that sustained gunshot injuries reportedly died in the early hours of Sunday.

Two other members of the gang were taken to an undisclosed hospital by police authorities. Two others escaped.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr Sulaimon Fakai, ordered that the driver of the luxury bus take the passengers to their destinations in Kano.

Mohammed said the suspects threw away the mobile phones; SIM cards, jewellery, money and their guns when the policemen were chasing them.