

Two robbery suspects killed in shoot-out with police

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TWO men, suspected to be armed robbers, were on Friday killed during a shoot-out between security men and the bandits.

Although the two suspects and another gang member were arrested alive with bullet wounds, the two later died while the third suspect is still receiving treatment in a hospital.

Our correspondent learnt that the suspects were raiding motorists and passengers at a spot on the Third Mainland Bridge before their encounter with the police.

The police team, it was gathered, was on a routine patrol on the bridge when some motorists who had escaped from the robbers alerted the security men of the

robbery on the bridge.

It was at about 9.30pm when the men, attached to the state Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, Yaba got to the scene and saw the robbers in operation.

A gun battle ensued immediately in an attempt to dislodge the robbers. Some of the gang members fled while three others who faced the police were arrested.

The arrest became possible after the three suspects had been rendered immobile by the gunshot injuries they sustained.

It was gathered that the shootout created panic and confusion on the bridge as motorists who did not know what was happening in front made sharp U-turns and sped back to where they were coming from.

After the men were cap-

tured, a search carried out on them led to the recovery of one locally-made double-barrelled gun, two live cartridges and assorted mobile telephone handsets.

A police source told our correspondent that at the time of the arrest of the three suspects, they were badly hit by bullets and were taken to a hospital, but two of them died shortly after they got to the hospital.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Sunday.

Ojajuni said the last of the robbery suspects was being taken care of in order to assist the police in their investigation and possible arrest of other members of the gang.