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## **Police kill six robbery suspects**

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**F**OUR suspected armed robbers were shot dead by the police while robbing a passenger bus on the Iwo-Ejigbo road on Monday.

Also, two out of a three-man suspected robbery gang were killed on Monday by a police inspector at Obalende of Lagos.

The bus, which was on its way from Lagos to Ogbomoso, was forced to stop by the robbers, who had taken over the Iwo-Ejigbo road.

One of the victims of the robbery, a junior secondary school student, who spoke with our correspondent, said the robbers stole her N16, 500 feeding allowance and school fees.

Another victim, Mrs Sakirat Adesanya, said the robbers stole three mobile phones and N7,000 from her during the operation, which they said lasted 45 minutes.

Four of the victims are students of the Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso, while one is a student of the Osun State University, Osogbo. They all declined to give their names.

The victims were brought to the state command of the police in Osogbo, on Monday. The corpses of the robbery suspects were also brought to the command.

According to Adesanya, the driver of the bus defied the order of the robbers when he attempted to beat a retreat.

She said the driver of the bus, which lost control, and hit an oncoming vehicle, ran into the bush when the robbers closed in on foot.

According to her, the robbers ordered all the victims to be honest by declaring all their properties and money, warning that those who hid their money or property would be shot dead.

She said, "They told all of us to lie facedown. They searched all our bodies. But as this was going on, we suddenly heard several gunshots and the robbers took to their heels.

In the Obalende incident, the inspector, attached to Mopol 2, Keffi, in Lagos Island, also injured one of the robbery suspects.

The robbers were said to have been operating at 22, Keffi Road, Obalende.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Frank Mba, confirmed the development to the *News Agency of Nigeria*.

He told NAN that one pistol, one rifle and 15 rounds of live ammunition were recovered from the injured suspect.

Mba said that the timely response of the policeman at the scene following a distress call, made it very difficult for the suspects to escape.

He said that investigations into the incident had since commenced.