

One killed in robbers, police clash

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ONE suspected armed robber was killed in Lagos on Saturday when security officials engaged a gang of armed robbers in a gun battle.

The incident occurred at about 9.15pm when a team of policemen attached to the Ojo Police Station ran into the suspects on the Lagos/Badagry Expressway.

Our correspondent learnt that the robbers were attacking and dispossessing passers-by,

motorists and commuters of their belongings in a traffic jam around Volkswagen bus stop.

Many people were said to have fallen victim to the criminals before the policemen got to the scene.

As soon as the robbers noticed the presence of the security men, they allegedly began to fire gunshots in an attempt to escape.

The policemen joined the robbers and according to eyewitnesses, many motorists

abandoned their vehicles and took to their heels.

After the shooting, which lasted for about five minutes, one of the suspected robbers was found writhing in pains.

He had sustained serious gunshot injuries and he reportedly died a few minutes after the encounter.

Other members of the gang escaped, leaving behind two locally-made pistols and eight live cartridges. The arms and ammunition were recovered by

the policemen.

Similarly, policemen, acting on a tip-off, arrested one armed robbery suspect at a hideout at Obalende, Lagos, on the same day.

One locally-made pistol and four live cartridges were also recovered from the suspect.

Besides, a motorcycle with registration number QM 192 LND, suspected to have been used by the suspect for his robbery escapades was recovered.