

Plateau community kills eight robbers

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A gang of 15 armed robbers on Friday met their Waterloo in the hands of the Miango community in Bassa local government area of Plateau as eight of them were killed while on a robbery operation.

The robbers were said to have stormed the Miango Rest House (which also has an elite school, Kent Academy, within it), at about 1am. Upon entry, they dispossessed some of the guests of their valuables.

The community was said to have mobilised, gave the armed

robbers a hot chase and in the process, killed eight of them and injured two while others escaped. One of those injured is reported to have died later.

The robbers met this fate when they ran into a river while trying to escape and members of the community jumped into the water to capture them.

The robbers were said to have fired gunshots to scare people as they forced some of their victims to take them to their neighbours to open their doors.

A Canadian who was holidaying at the rest house with his wife, said the robbers broke

into their room and demanded for gold and foreign currency.

He said they took money and other valuables from him and forced his wife to lead them to other guests.

The housekeeper also narrated how he was given a beating by the robbers for not having a reasonable amount of money following which they took his laptop, phones and other valuables.

Our correspondent gathered that following the sound of gunshots and the alarm from the rest house, members of the community mobilised and

moved to confront the robbers.

The robbers took to their heels when they sensed danger but they were trailed by the community members for several kilometres until they were trapped by the river.

Displaying the corpses of the robbers at the police headquarters, Jos the state Police Commissioner, Mr. Samson Wudah, said unused and expended ammunition were recovered from them.

He added that he suspected that their guns might have dropped into the river when they jumped inside.