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Four suspected robbers killed in gun battle

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Four men suspected to be armed robbers were on Tuesday shot dead during an encounter with the police.



Photo file
Inspector-General of Police, Mike Okiro

The incident happened at Adams Street, Ajegunle, Lagos, at about 10pm.

Our correspondent learnt that the police at Apapa, Lagos had received information about the nefarious activities of a gang of armed robbers.

The gang was said to have carried out various robbery operations in the area and it was reportedly planning another outing when the police got a tip-off.

Teams of anti-robbery policemen from the Apapa Division, it was learnt, were dispatched to the hideout of the suspects.

The heavy presence of policemen in the area was said to have created fear in the minds of the men of evil intention.

It was learnt that some of the suspects tried to shoot their way out of the hideout, but this led to a shoot-out between the police and the suspected robbers.

During the shoot-out, four men suspected to be members of the gang, were killed while other gang members escaped.

Two locally-made double-barrelled guns and one English pistol were recovered from the dead suspects.

Besides, 15 pieces of live ammunition and some expended shells were gathered from the scene of the encounter.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Wednesday.

Mba, whose promotion to the rank of a full superintendent of police was announced by the police authorities on Monday, said the corpses of the suspects had been deposited at a public mortuary.

He said although the police were still maintaining a surveillance on the suspects' hideout, the case had been referred to the state Criminal investigation Department, Panti, Yaba, for further investigation.

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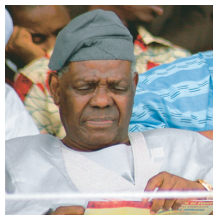
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