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Police kill two suspected robbers, arrest two

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Two suspected armed robbers, who were arrested in Lagos on Wednesday, are said to be assisting the police in bursting their gang's hideout.



Photo file
Inspector-General of Police, Mike Okiro

The police arrested the suspects during an encounter with them at the Trade Fair Complex on the Lagos-Badagry Expressway.

Two other members of the gang were not as lucky as they were gunned down during the encounter with the police.

Our correspondent learnt on Monday that policemen from the state Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, Yaba, where the suspects are being kept, had led one of the suspects to their hideout once.

Although the visit did not yield any fruitful result, it was learnt that the detectives were planning another raid on the hideout.

A gang of anti-robbery policemen who responded to a distress call from the scene of the encounter had exchanged gunshots with the suspects.

The armed suspects, according to reports, had besieged the complex and terrorised traders before the appearance of the police.

The thieves, who came to the complex on two motorcycles, soon succumbed to the superior fire power of the police.

After the killing and arrest, the police recovered one locally-made single-barrelled gun and the sum of N130, 000 from the suspects.

Besides, the two motorcycles used by the suspects were impounded and had been taken to the Trade Fair Police Station as exhibits.

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

Mba said detectives at the SCID were still investigating the case and added that the suspects were cooperating with the police in their investigation.

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