

Police kill two trans-border robbers in Edo State

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The Edo State Police Command, on Friday, in the state capital, Benin, displayed the bodies of two armed robbers said to be members of a gang that raided a first generation bank in Owo, Ondo State.

Also on display was the sum of N3.3m recovered from the vehicles in which the robbers were captured, and a cache of ammunition recovered from

them.

The ammunition recovered were one AK-47 rifle with 12 rounds of live ammunition and three empty magazines. Three cell-phones and a Toyota Hiace bus were also recovered by the police at the end of the encounter with the suspects.

THE PUNCH newspaper, on Friday, had reported a robbery in Ondo, in which bandits attacked the main branch of First Bank branch in Owo, stealing millions of naira

from its vault and killing a policeman.

Parading the robbers, whose charm-laden bodies had become bloated, Edo State Deputy Commissioner of Police, Muhammad Hurdi, called on sister states for more cooperation in crime fighting for the overall well-being of Nigerians.

He said, "The Police, working on covert intelligence, had an encounter with some robbers, who had robbed First Bank, Owo branch in Ondo

State and were escaping with their loot. During the exchange of fire, the police were able to gun down two of the armed robbers."

The command also paraded other suspects, including a cripple, Super Ojo (34), said to be behind a kidnapping ring in the state.

Others paraded for armed robbery in the state included Alex Onyema (22), Ifeanyi Igwem (18) and Daniel Aghahowa (24).