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## Five robbers die in shootout

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No fewer than five suspected armed robbers were killed on Saturday after a shootout with the police in the Akpabuyo Local Government Area of Cross River State.

Some other robbery suspects were said to have escaped with gunshot injuries in the encounter that damaged the police vehicle.

An eyewitness, Nya Moses, a resident of Akpabuyo, said he counted no fewer than five dead bodies after the encounter.

He added that the robbery gang had been terrorising the neighbourhood for some time.

"I can assure you that five of the suspected armed robbers were killed by the police during the shootout. I counted the lifeless bodies before they were removed by the police. I am not too certain on those who escaped," he said.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Hogan Bassey, confirmed the incident.

The PPRO, who would not corroborate the figure, said a good number of the suspected robbers were killed.

He said the gang of robbers was carrying out a raid in the area when they ran into the police and a gun battle ensued.

Bassey said no policemen were hurt in the encounter but a police vehicle was damaged.

He said, "A good number of them also ran away with gunshot wounds. Some arms and ammunition were recovered. They were very dangerous men and they met their Waterloo."

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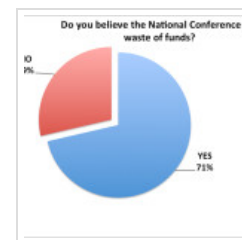


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