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STF kills four robbers, recovers 218 stolen cows

Men of the Special Task Force on security in Jos have killed four suspected armed robbers. The bandits were said to have been killed when they were intercepted by a operatives of the STF at a checkpoint in Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Meanwhile, the STF recovered 218 stolen cows and returned them to their respective owners at Bassa, Barkin Ladi and Kanke Local Government areas of the state.

STF Media/Information Officer, Capt. Ikedichi Iweha, said in a statement on Wednesday that four other members of the armed gang were arrested, including two women.

He said weapons recovered from them included two locally-made pistols, one-locally made revolver, one AK47 rifle, six rounds of 7.62 mm special live ammunition, one round of 9mm and other property including documents.

He added that the surviving suspects had been handed over to the Barkin Ladi Division of the Police for prosecution.

The statement read in part, “At about 0100hrs of Saturday, July 19, 2014, personnel of the STF, at Kuba checkpoint in Bokkos Local Government Area, intercepted a gang of armed rubbers.

“In the ensuing shootout with our personnel, four of the robbers lost their lives, while another four were arrested including two women.”

Iweha said the killing of the armed robbers came less than 48 hours after another detachment of soldiers at a checkpoint at Kwana Soja area along Zaria road of Jos North Local Government Area arrested another gang of four robbers.

The suspects were said to be trailing a Jos-based business tycoon, Alhaji Shehu Ashaka, and were arrested while trying to reach his residence at Kwanan Soja.

Among the weapons recovered from them were two -locally made pistols and seven live cartridges.

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