

Police kill three armed robbers in Benue

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The Police Command in Benue on Tuesday said it had killed three armed robbers and recovered one AK47 rifle with breech no. M35085 and four AK47 magazines with 127 rounds of 7.62 live ammunition.

The command's spokesman, ASP Moses Yamu, said this in a statement made available to the News Agency of Nigeria in Makurdi.

According to Yamu, the criminal gang which specialised in robbery and kidnapping around the Kasina-Ala-Abaji-Takum axis, were killed during a gun battle between the criminal gang and a combined team of Operation Zenda.

He said the encounter followed a security tip-off.

“The gang is believed to be responsible for the attack on the Abaji Police Station where they killed a police sergeant and carted away his rifle.

“A combined team of Operation Zenda crack squad led by SP Justine Gberindyer stormed the hoodlums’ hideout, and the hoodlums opened fire on sighting the team.

“During the shooting exchange, three members of the gang were fatally hit by bullets, they were apprehended and later confirmed dead.”

“Items recovered from them are one AK47 rifle with breech no. M35085; four AK47 magazines with 127 rounds of 7.62 live ammunition; charms and a bag containing some clothes,” the statement said.