

"It was gathered that the suspected hoodlums had allegedly blocked the road with woods and other items and were already in their nefarious activities when police operatives ran into the road block mounted by the suspected hoodlums. It was further gathered that the suspected hoodlums had engaged the operatives in a gun duel but were overpowered by the operatives who later got one of them critically wounded and who was later confirmed dead.

"After the encounter, the operatives started combing the bush and later arrested three of the suspected hoodlums," he said.

Amaraizu said that the state Commissioner of Police, Mr Ahmad Abdurrahman, had directed a full scale investigation into the incident.

"The suspects have been helping police operatives in their investigation so far," he said.