Soldiers kill 1, arrest 3 others during robbery in Ebonyi

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SOLDIERS of the Nigerian Army have gunned down a robbery suspect during an incident on the ever-busy Afikpo/Abaomege/Akpoha highway in Ebonyi State and arrested three others.

The robbery suspects were reported to be part of a gang that had been terrorizing motorists and commuters along the Abomeghe/Akpoha axis of the highway

However, luck ran out for the suspects yesterday morning after troops of the Nigerian Army killed one and arrested three of them.

A brief video circulating on social media monitored by Daily Sun captured the scene where travellers and natives attempted to get a glimpse of the suspects.

The onlookers were celebrating the troops for gallantry as they prepared to take away the suspects.

Ebonyi State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Joshua Ukandu, said information on the development was still sketchy, as the headquarters was waiting for a detailed report from the Divisional Police Officer in the Abomeghe Police Division.

"I have not been able to get anything conclusive, the DPO for Abomeghe confirmed getting information on that, but doesn't have details. So, I don't have any details to give," he said.

Chairman-elect of Onicha Local Government Area, Ogboffia Ikechukwu, said he received a call that armed robbers were operating along the highway and immediately contacted the military, who stormed the scene.

He enthused that the days of insecurity and criminality were over in the area.

One road user, Onyebuchi Chima, said the Abaomege/Akpoha axis of the expressway had become a death trap, which was aiding robbers in their operation.

He noted that he had to hurry about his tasks in Abakaliki, the state capital, to beat the evening time that the robbers usually operated on the road.

"These guys stopped me from finishing my beer in Abakaliki yesterday. I rushed down to Ehugbo to beat their evening service. However, from Abaomege to Timber Shed, Afikpo, is a death trap. The road is impassable," he told Daily Sun.

EFCC arrests 9 suspected fraudsters in Abuja

THE Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Abuja Zonal Directorate, has arrested nine suspected internet fraudsters.

They were arrested yesterday, at Wuye axis of Abuja following credible intelligence on their suspected involvement in internet-related fraud.

According to EFCC's Head, Media & Publicity, Dele Oyewale,"Items recovered from them include 19 phones, one car, four laptops and one iPad.

"The suspects will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded".