

Police kill two highway robbers in gun duel

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Two suspected highway robbers met their waterloo yesterday as they were shot dead by policemen along the Sagamu-Benin-Ore Expressway.

The Ogun State Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Iliyasu, who disclosed this to reporters, said a member of the robbery gang was also arrested.

Iliyasu stated that the incident occurred at Area J4, along the expressway in the early hours of yesterday.

According to him, other members of the gang fled after they engaged policemen in gun duel.

The commissioner said a single barrel gun, and other dangerously weapons were recovered from the suspects.

Briefing reporters at the Igbeba Area Command in Ijebu-Ode, Iliyasu said the police acted on a tip-off, adding that an anti-robbery team led by the Divisional Police Officer, Ogbere, John Okoh, engaged the bandits in a gun duel.

He said: "In the early hours of today (Friday), our men at Ogbere Division received a distress call about a group of armed bandits who blocked Sagamu/Ore expressway at J4 Area to rob commuters plying the road."

"Upon the distress call, the DPO of the station, SP John Okoh led his anti-robbery and other tactical and combat team to the scene where they met the robbers dispossessing commuters of their valuables.

"In sighting the policemen, the bandits engaged them in a gun duel which lasted for hours. At the end of the encounter, two members of the dreaded syndicate were gunned down and one was arrested alive while others escaped with various degrees of gunshot injuries.

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