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### **Suspected Robbers Kill Three Policemen**

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#### **Police Headquarters**

Mohammed Aminu

Suspected armed robbers have killed three policemen at Tureta town in Tureta Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

THISDAY checks Saturday revealed that the policemen were killed during an exchange of fire with a gang of armed robbers on Thursday

THISDAY gathered that the slain policemen included a police corporal and two constables and they hailed from Jigawa, Kano and Zamfara states.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) and Deputy Superintendent of Police, Al-Mustapha Sani, who confirmed the incident to THISDAY in Sokoto yesterday, said there was a report of an armed robbery by a gang of some robbers from neighbouring Zamfara State, numbering about 30 at Dorawa village about 3 kilometres away from Tureta town.

He said upon receiving the information about the attack by the hoodlums who were on motorcycles, some policemen, civil defence officers and local vigilance members were mobilised the following morning .

He explained that the bandits who fled into a forest laid an ambush for the security operatives at Kuruwa village about 20 kilometres away from Tureta town and in the ensuing gun duel, the three policemen were killed.

Sani said two of the police officers died on the spot while the second died on the way to the General Hospital in Tureta town.

He stated that the police command had already commenced investigation with a view to apprehending the fleeing bandits.

“We have commenced investigation and are collaborating with the Police Command in Zamfara State with a view to trailing and apprehending the fleeing bandits,” he said.

The PPRO disclosed that no arrest had so far been made in the area and appealed to the people of the state to continue to assist the police with vital information with a view to apprehending the hoodlums.

THISDAY however gathered that the slain corporal from Kano State was buried in Sokoto on Friday according to Islamic rites and in line with the directives of his family.

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