

••Police gun down 2 robbery suspects

MEANWHILE, two armed robbery suspects were killed Friday night during a fierce gun duel with the police in Delta State.

The state police command's spokes person, Miss Olabisi Okuwobi, who confirmed this in Asaba, yesterday, told reporters that "on October 20, at about 9.30 pm, an anti crime patrol team attached to B Division, Asaba while on stop and search duty suspected a Toyota Hiace bus that was loaded with passengers from Onitsha enroute Asaba to Agbor."

"The said bus", according to her, "was stopped at Abraka

petrol station for a search and during the search, two passengers occupying the front seats brought out two locally-made pistols that were earlier concealed in a packet of cabin biscuit and aimed at the policemen but the eagle-eye policemen dodged the firing and opened fire on them.

Okuwobi explained that at the end of the gun duel between the police and the suspects two out of them sustained serious injuries; as they were being rushed to the hospital, the two wounded robbers died while three live ammunition and three cartridges were recovered from them."