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THE robbery gang that killed seven policemen in Benin on Wednesday were encountered by the police in a fierce gun battle at Agbor, Delta state while escaping, leading the killing of a member of the gang. State police command's spokesman, Mr. Charles Muka, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) told our reporter in Asaba yesterday that "the state command recovered about 14 rifles at Agbor, Umunede area, one gunned down. AIG zone 5 parades items at Agbor.

"The robbers", he said, "were on rampage in Benin yesterday (Wednesday) where they killed about 6 policemen including a Divisional Police Officer (DPO)".

Meanwhile, motorists plying Asaba-Benin highway are always apprehensive while approaching the Ubulu-Okiti axis on that stretch of the highway, as there had been rampant cases of robberies there.

For the past two weeks especially on Mondays, there had been robbery attacks on motorists, especially on commercial buses resulting to loss of money and GSM handsets.

Reacting Muka "those robbers are remnants of Fulani herdsman that have been terrorizing the area. We have been on mop up operation. I must say that Delta state had never had it so good, so peaceful in terms of low crime rate since the creation".

Worried by the incessant robbery attacks on motorists plying Benin-Asaba highway, members of the Delta State House of Assembly, sometime in October last year passed a resolution calling on Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan to direct the State police command to maintain a 24-hour patrol on that highway.



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