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Police kill 2, arrest 4 robbery suspects

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Two suspected members of a 20-man-robbery gang that engaged a team of policemen in a shootout, Monday, in Amuwo Odofin area of Lagos were yesterday confirmed dead, with the recovery of two AK49 rifles, 12 magazines, 30 live ammunition and assorted charms. A police Sergeant who was shot during the encounter is said to be responding to treatment.

The 20-man gang, as gathered, stormed Tohan Fishing Company in Amuwo Odofin on 10 motorcycles at about noon, where they held some customers and staff hostage.

They were said to have dispossessed the customers of cash and inflicted injuries on some of them. Report said as the robbers were fleeing the scene with an undisclosed amount, policemen from Area 'E' and those from Festac Division who got wind of the robbers operation, chased them.

A suspected member of the gang was reportedly shot dead at Church bus-stop along Badagry expressway, while another was killed at Morogbo area. One of the robbers operational motorcycles, with number plate QS 512 EKY was also recovered.

Displaying the arms recovered at the end of the encounter yesterday, the Command's spokesman, Mr Frank Mba, said four suspected members of the gang were arrested in their hideout yesterday by operatives at the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID) Panti.

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