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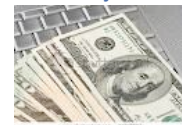
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By Emma Amaize, Warri

ACTING Inspector General of Police, Mohammed Abubakar, may have opened a new vista in crime fighting in the police with what appears to be a fresh resolve by state commissioners of police and their men to fight criminals and criminality in all ramifications.

Commissioner of police in Delta State, Mr Mamman Tsafe, confirmed the operational resolution of state police chiefs while addressing newsmen in Warri, weekend, on the gun battle between men of the Counter Terrorist Squad in Warri and a

five-man armed robbery gang.

He said under the new IGP, commissioners of police across the states and other senior police officers have agreed to work harder and revamp the image of the police, adding, "I can tell you that the new spirit is permeating the entire police force".

On the three armed robbers shot dead, he said they were part of the organized crime gang that had shot dead over 10 policemen "in the last few breaks and stole their rifles". Forty-eight hours earlier, a three-man gang, which carried out their robbery operations in camouflage military uniform, was nabbed by the Marine Police in Warri. One of the suspects confessed that the uniform was given to him by a serving soldier.

Tsafe said the bandits were carrying out robbery operation along Udu Road, Warri, when they sighted the police team and opened fire. He said the policemen responded and subdued the bandits, killing two on the spot, while the third, who escaped into the swamp with bullet wounds, was found dead in the early hours of yesterday by the team.

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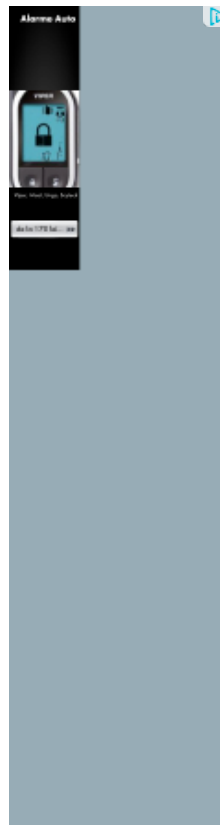
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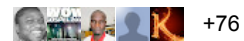
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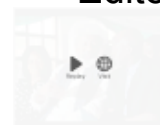
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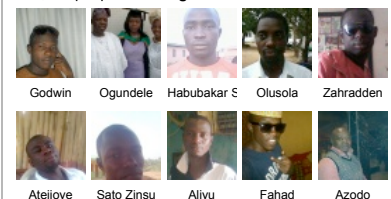


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