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Drug ambush goes awry

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PETALING JAYA: Two policemen were shot dead while two are in critical condition after a shootout at a double-storey terrace house in Kampung Desa Aman here on Thursday night.

L/Kpl K. Jayabalan from Gombak police headquarters died at the scene while detective M. Alagesan from the city police headquarters died at the Sungai Buloh Hospital.

The injured policemen are C/Insp Helmi Zakaria from the Gombak Narcotics division and L/Kpl R. Rajakumaran from the Commercial Crime department. Both are at the Sungai Buloh Hospital.

The shooting Thursday night was the third in the last three days in which policemen were shot while on duty.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Musa Hassan said the policemen had gone to the house to investigate after receiving a drug-related tip-off.

When they reached the scene, several men in two cars arrived outside the house and fired at the policemen in the 7pm incident.

The suspects escaped. The police are now trying to find out the identity of the people staying in the house.

'They are very dangerous as they are armed,' he said when met at the scene.

'We have informed the police contingent about the incident and told them the cars used by the suspect,' he said.

It is also learnt that the house has been used as a drug laboratory by the suspects.

Meanwhile, a witness to the incident said he saw the policemen reaching the scene in a Honda CR-V.

He said a few shots rang out shortly after.

The man said he ran out to help when one of the policemen shouted for help.

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