

Robbers raid bank, kill 2

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A policeman and an unidentified person, were again, yesterday, shot dead and several others, seriously injured in Lagos, when armed robbers raided a first generation bank (names withheld) at Idimu.

The incident came less than 24 hours after a yet-to-be identified gunmen Wednesday attacked four banks in the state, killing about 10 persons and carting away unspecified sums of money.

The latest attack was the sixth in two weeks in the state, and bringing to 10 number of police men, killed in gun battle with robbers in the last two months.

Daily Champion gathered that the gunmen stormed the bank in two Bora cars at 1pm and shot sporadically into the air apparently to clear way for their operation.

A police source at Idimu Police Station said the gunmen were armed with sophisticated weapon, including AK47 and 49 as well as assorted rifles.

The source stated that the gunmen numbering about 15 engaged the policemen, on guard, at the bank in gun duel that lasted for

He said that three policemen were seriously wounded.

According to him, one of the policemen a Sergeant, died on his way to the hospital, while two others mobile policemen are said to have been recuperating in an undisclosed hospital in the state.

Our source, said the policemen on guard challenged the marauders and prevented them from gaining entrance into the bank's vault.

The source said one person, who came to transact business at the bank was allegedly killed by stray bullets. His identity could not be ascertained as at press time.

Also, the identity of the sergeant who was purportedly killed and his posting could not be ascertained as at press time.

Reacting to the incident, Deputy Police Public Relations Officer, (DPPRO), Mr. Olayinka Egbeyemi said: "I heard same story but I could not confirm it, I am waiting for the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) to furnish me with details."

It would be recalled that aside from last Wednesday's early morning robbery attack at Ojo Alaba International market, and Ikorodu banks, there have been bank robberies at Mushin, Ikeja, Agege and Illupeju respectively.