

## 2 killed as robbers attack banks in Rivers

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**A** RMED robbers killed two persons in Rivers state as they attacked two commercial banks at Omoku in Ogba Ndoni Egbema Local Government Area of Rivers state.

Our correspondent gathered that a soldier and a bricklayer were killed and many wounded when a gang of 16 armed robbers stormed the branches of United Bank for Africa (UBA) and ECObank. about 8.30 a.m. yesterday.

According to sources, the soldier was killed at Krigene Community as the fleeing robbers headed towards the river, from where they came in while the bricklayer who was carrying out some repairs work at one of the bank was shot dead at the bank's premises.

Police PRO Ireju Barasua, (a DSP), told our correspondent that "we have heard of the robbery but details are not available now".

Sources from the area said the robbers spent about two hours in the two banks which are separated by a low wall from one another.

The sources also alleged that Policemen attached to the banks did not report for duty as when the robbers arrived.

*Daily Champion* gathered that youths from the area attempted to thwart the robbers escape by puncturing the tyres of the robbers vehicles.