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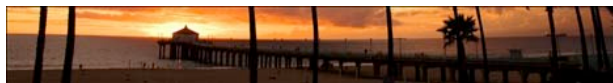
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**Nigeria: Gunmen Raid Three Banks in Kogi, Kill 10**

Timothy Ajiboye

21 December 2011

Lokoja — Hell was let loose yesterday in Okene, Kogi State, as gunmen raided three banks in Okene local government area and carted away millions of naira leaving over 10 persons dead.

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The banks raided included GTB.

Daily Champion gathered that at least 10 persons were killed at different areas of the town during the robbery incident which left the security agents helpless.

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An eyewitness confirmed to our correspondent that the robbers numbering over 20 stormed the city around 3pm heavily armed with AK 47 rifles and other dangerous weapons.

According to the source the robbers came in exotic cars ranging from Toyota, Mercedes Benz, and Honda Accord.

Our source said everybody in the city took cover including policemen as the robbers' held the entire vicinity hostage.

Travelers coming from the south and heading to the north had to make 'U' turn to avoid the robbers.

All shops, banks across the town and even some police stations were closed down during the period the robbery lasted and even after.

The robbery incident which lasted over one hour saw many people took cover for their dear lives as to avoid any stray bullets.

Parents stormed schools to evacuate their children as all networks in that area was paralyzed.

Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), Mr. Ajayi Okasomi ASP confirmed the robbery incident, saying they find it difficult to contact their men in Okene due to failure communication network.

He also said he can not confirm if any lives were lost during the robbery incident.

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It would be recalled that just on Monday some suspected armed robbers bombed a bank and police station in Ayetoro-Gbede and carted away weapons from the Police station.

Meanwhile, the police in Kaduna yesterday said five persons were killed by gunmen at Unguwar Rami Village near Kagoro in Kaura Local Government Area of the state.

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Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Aminu Lawal said five others were injured during the attack on the people of the area on Monday by hoodlums.

He said the corpses of the deceased had been deposited at the Kafanchan General Hospital, while the injured were being treated at the same hospital.

Lawal said the police were trailing the gunmen.

The police announced that the three suspected makers of the Improvised Explosive Devices (Bomb) in Kaduna, would soon make a statement on their activities.

The police said the suspects were responding to treatment from injuries they sustained after the apartment they used for making the devices in Mando, Kaduna, exploded on them on Monday.

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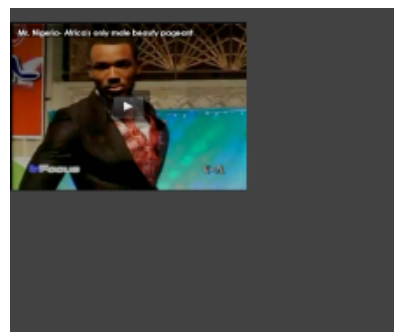
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