

5 killed as bandits invade Bonny bank

reporters in Port Harcourt that the robbers also carted away 400,000 naira (about 3,100 U.S. dollars).

She said the bandits swooped on the bank at about 2 a.m. (0100 GMT) on Friday, after laying an ambush for the police and cordoning off the

Bonny roundabout.

Barasua said informers alerted the police following sporadic shooting, adding that the police moved in with other members of the joint military task force, comprising the army, navy and airforce.

"The police team ran into

the robbers' ambush losing four of their men and a civilian," the spokeswoman explained.

She said the robbers could only penetrate one of the strong rooms of the bank where they got the 400,000 naira before the joint task

force dislodged them.

Barasua said the bandits escaped through the Bonny water front, abandoning 38 live 7.8mm ammunition, one live 7.68mm ammunition and a polythene bag suspected to the container for dynamites at the scene.

"Also recovered were 203

shells of 7.8mm ammunition and 49 empty shells of 6.2mm ammunition," she added.

Barasua said Rivers state commissioner of police Sam Adetuyi, had directed detailed investigation into the incident while a manhunt for the robbers was being intensified.

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