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# Armed robbers kill two policemen, 3 others in Benue

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A gang of four suspected robbers, Monday, at Naka, headquarters of Gwer-West local government area in Benue state, shot dead two policemen on duty at a community bank.

The robbers also shot three civilians, including a lady, at the bank premises, before escaping with over six million naira local government staff salary.

Two members of the gang, according to the state's commissioner of police, Mr. Ibe Aghanya, were however shot dead the following day by a team of anti-robbery policemen.

One of the dead robbers allegedly had the Gwer-West local government council identity card on him.

The police boss said the robbers stormed the bank at about noon just as the local government were brought in.

Aghanya said the robbers opened fire as soon as they entered the bank, but were resisted by the two policemen on duty who were later killed.

One of the dead policemen accompanied the money from Makurdi to Naka. The robbers escaped with the money through a near by village called Aondoana in a Toyota Starlet car.

The police boss said a combined team of police and youths chased after the fleeing robbers who were compelled to abandon the car and run into the bush from where they engaged the police in another round of shootout.

The police, according to Aghanya, discovered the corpses of two of the robbers on Tuesday morning, with two others still at large.

The commissioner said the police were on the trail of the remaining robbers.