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Two killed as robbers steal N20m at Ibadan Bureau de change

Two people were killed in Ibadan at the weekend by stray bullets from some armed robbers who invaded a popular bureaux de change at Sabo area in the Oyo state capital, making away with over N20million in various foreign currencies, witnesses said.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for the Oyo state command, ASP Olu Akinmoladun, confirmed the robbery, disclosing however that investigations have already commenced with a view to getting at the root of the

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incident.

The imposing business premises of the finance company- Ibrofil Bureau De Change Limited, was shattered by bullets together with two exotic cars parked within the premises as the armed robbers operated for over three hours, according to witnesses.

Witnesses said the hoodlums numbered up to 40 and included women who were armed with sophisticated weapons and began storm-

ing the bureaux de change at about 1.30 a.m., shooting sporadically in the air and thus sending signals that they had not come for a peace mission.

According to sources, the armed robbers used welding equipment, notably cylinder gas with nozzle to force open the security gates into the

complex after which they forcefully broke open the safe and eventually carted assorted currencies in bags.

It was gathered that the police later responded to the distress calls by people in the neighborhood, but the superior firepower of the armed bandits resulted in the secu-

rity operatives retreating for safety.

In the process, the armed robbers reportedly drove away hurriedly with their loot but left behind an AK47 rifle loaded with ammunition which was later retrieved by the police.

The angry Sabo residents

could not believe their eyes at the gory sight as they besieged the complex in droves and in annoyance, they mounted bonfires at strategic junctions leading to the community thus forcing vehicular traffic to detour for several hours.

