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Robbers kill seven, injure 49 in bank robberies

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seven people including two security guards and a bank intern were yesterday killed by armed robbers in Ogbomoso in three bank robberies while 49 others, mostly students of the Ladole Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH) Ogbomoso, sustained injuries.

Daily Trust gathered that the robbers stormed three new generation banks at the Apakere area in Ogbomoso in a convoy of four vehicles comprising three buses and one Toyota Camry car.

Two security men attached to one of the banks was said to have been shot dead instantly by the robbers on arrival before entering the bank. While inside, they reportedly killed one of the bank's workers said to be on Industrial attachment before taking away an unspecified amount of money.

Sources said the robbers had earlier barricaded all roads leading to the Apakere area of Ogbomoso after which they started shooting sporadically.

It was also gathered that the robbers, after the first robbery, entered the second bank where they were said to have shot dead two persons in their attempt to escape. Sources said the robbers moved to the third bank where they carried out a similar operation. According to the sources, the armed men escaped with their loot before the police arrived.

The Oyo State Police Commissioner Mr Baba Adisa Bolanta led a team of armed policemen with an Armoured Personnel Carrier [APC] from Ibadan to Ogbomoso to ensure that the robbers were apprehended.

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