

Robbers raid Delta bank, kill 3, steal N28m

From Monday Osayande, Asaba

A seven-man gang of armed bandits yesterday stormed a First Bank branch in Ogwuashi-Uku, Delta State, killed three persons including a pregnant woman and made away with over N28 million.

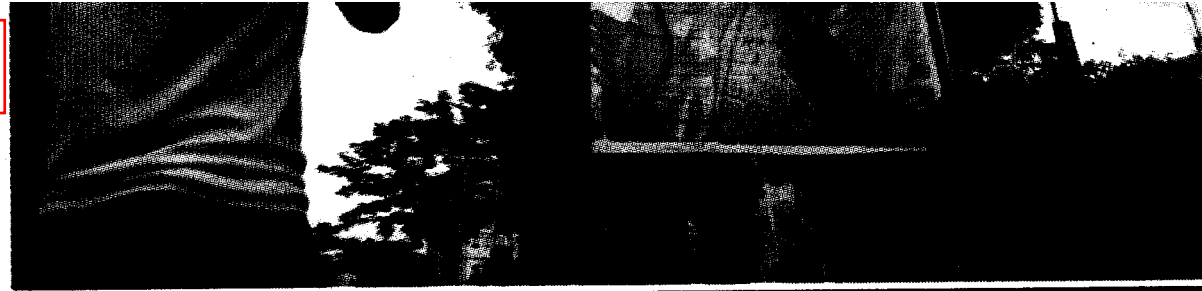
The robbers arrived the bank at exactly 8am and started shooting sporadically in all directions, scarring away customers and other persons at the bank premises.

As they were shooting, a middle aged woman, fruit vendors and two others at the premises were killed by stray bullets.

A security man attached to the bank and four others who were seriously injured were rushed to the Federal Medical Centre for treatment.

Daily Trust gathered that before the robbers got to the bank, about three of them

went to the Ogwuashi-Uku police station, a walking distance to the bank and rounded up the station. This was when the DPO, Mr. Niyi Ojopagogo, was said to be holding the usual morning briefing with his men. The DPO's vehicle was among others riddled with bullets while another woman at Umuneze junction was also wounded. They operated for several hours with a vehicle with registration no DTGH607. The robbers were said to have snatched the vehicle from the driver and adopted him and the passengers in Asaba, the state capital. The police however countered the robbers and recovered three magazines. The bandit escaped with the money unhurt.



A man takes photograph of an election poster of former military president Ibrahim Babangida in Abuja yesterday.

Police on trail of killers of SSS officer

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

THE police in Kano say they are still after the killers of a deputy director of State Security Service (SSS), his wife and three children in Kano on Monday, though they have maintained silence on possible arrests so far.

When contacted, the Public Relations Officer of Kano Command, SP Baba Mohammed declined comment on the issue, saying investigation was still on.

"You should just hold on for a few days and we will tell you the progress

report of the investigation. Our command is on its feet in order to ensure all the culprits were brought to book in the shortest possible time," said SP Azare.

Family spokesman, Umar Danjani Hadejia, expressed confidence with the police and the SSS, saying the family appreciates the commitment of the security in handling the case.

"We're confident the police and SSS will fish out the culprits. They are very commitment to the investigation. They appealed to us to exercise a little patience and assured us that they would bring the culprits to book," he

said. While expressing shock over the demise of his relations, Alhaji Danjani revealed that the shock of the death had left a devastating effect on the bereaved. He also said the SSS recovered some knives and machetes on top of a tree in the house yesterday. On whether the slain SSS officer bore grudges against anybody in the course of discharging his duties, Danjani said the family was unaware of any misunderstanding.

"He was at the medical department of the SSS, so I don't think he had done any wrong to anybody," he said.