

## Kogi bank robbery: 3 more policemen confirmed dead

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

The death toll from the armed robbery operation at the Afribank branch of Anyigba, Kogi State on Thursday has risen as three more police officers were said to have been killed.

This was in addition to the killings of an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) and two rank and files that were confirmed dead with a sergeant on danger list after engaging a gang of armed robbers in a shootout at the bank premises.

One of the critically injured, Mr Gbenga Adesina, a former political editor of the Daily Times of Nigeria and publisher of the Distinguished Nigerian Magazine, told our correspondent yesterday that the robbers gunned down the three police officers at a checkpoint in Okene when they (the robbers) were leaving for Edo State.

 $The \, spokes man \, of \, the \, Kogi \, State$ Police Command, Mr Abubakar Nasir Muhammed, who confirmed the killings in Okene, said the command was shocked to know that the gang could extend their operation to Ökene.

Muhammed however said investigations were on to arrest the robbers, adding that men and officers of the command had been deployed to the area.

## Opposition parties condemn independence anniversary bomb blast

By Abbas Jimoh

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"This is condemnable. This is an indication of worsening security situation and that the government is not prepared to defend Nigerians. The government should be held

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