Robbers attack bank, kill 2

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A gang of armed robbers yesterday attacked a branch of a bank in Kwali Area Council of Abuja where they shot and killed two persons including a 14-year-old boy.

Accountant of the bank branch, police corporal and six others who sustained bullet wounds were rushed to the hospital.

A witness said the robbers, five in number with three of them carrying sophisticated guns, stormed the bank at about 9:48 am through the rear door.

According to him, the robbers went straight to the accountant's office after shooting the police on his hand and six others inside the bank hall. They seized the key of the strong room where the bank's money is kept and carted away money inside Ghana-must-go sacks.

A security man attached to the bank who craved anonymity, said the robbers walked in to the bank through the front gate pretending to be customers.

"They came as customers and before we realised what was happening we started hearing gun shots. Before the police officer could realise it, one of the robbers shot him on his hands while 5 people sustained bullet wounds," he said.

At the Kwali General Hospital, six of the robbery victims including the bank's accountant and police were seen receiving treatment, while 2 of the corpses were later taken away by relatives of the deceased from the area.

Kwali council chairman, Mr. Joseph K. Shazin, who visited the hospital to see the victims, expressed shock and sadness over the robbery attack in broad daylight.

When contacted, the Kwali Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Usman Umar confirmed the incident.

He said his men have already mobilised with the combined team of the police anti-robbery squad to trail the fleeing robbers, as investigation is still ongoing.