

A view of the 9/11 memorial in New York yesterday during the ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001 attacks in which hijackers crashed passenger planes into the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington.

Robbers attack Ogun hospital

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A gang of armed robbers went on the rampage at the

Ogun State General Hospital, Ijaiye, Abeokuta, early morning yesterday leaving tales of woos and anguish from patients and staff.

A 75-year-old patient was killed in the attack, in which the robbers went from bed to bed, taking away cash, cell phones

and other valuables from patients and relatives.

The robbers numbering about seven subjected people to torture during

the operation that lasted for hours.

The gang arrived the hospital gate during the dark hours, pretending to

have brought in an emergency case, hence they were allowed in by security men. Having gained entry to the
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hospital premises, the bandits started their operation from the private security attached to the hospital.

The robbers disarmed the security men at the gate, collected money, phones and other vital items from them and equally caged them. They later moved to the cashier's office and the pharmacy where they took away all available cash.

At this point, the robbers began moving round the wards, collecting money handsets and other valuables from the patients and their relatives.

Daily Trust's correspondent reliably gathered that the action of the robbers led to the death of Lateef Odeyemi, 75, who was on admission over high blood pressure.

A patient, Wole Oduntan, while narrating his ordeal in the hand of the robbers, said the robbers suddenly burst into the ward, forcing all patients to be awake.

He said they collected cash, phones and other valuables from one bed to the other, while the ward orderly and nurses were ordered to be on their knees while the operation lasted.

Attempts to get comments from the police failed as their spokesman Muiyiwa Adejobi did not answer telephone calls.