

4 shot dead in Bauchi bank robberies

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Two policemen, one civilian and a suspected bandit were killed early hours of yesterday in two separate bank robberies in two different local government areas of Bauchi State.

The two incidents occurred in Yana, headquarters of Shira Local Government Area and Misau, headquarters of Misau Local Government Area.

In a telephone interview with Sunday Trust, a senior security officer who did not want to be named said, "The two separate incidents of armed robbery were recorded around two o'clock in the night. They attacked First Bank in Yana. They also attacked First Bank and Mainstream Bank in Misau. They also attacked police stations. They threw explosives at the stations. Two policemen, one civilian and one of the armed robbers were killed. We recovered a General Purpose Machine Gun, three explosives and ammunition."

He said robbers damaged all the three banks and made away with a lot of money. The amount was yet to be ascertained by the bank officials at the time of filing this report.

The officer explained that the two policemen and civilians were killed during exchange of fire.

One of the bandits was killed when the robbers laid an ambush for the security vehicle sent to reinforce the personnel on the ground in Misau from Azare. No arrest was made.

Awwal Hassan, representing Shira Yana in the Bauchi State House of Assembly, said around one o'clock in the morning he heard gun shots indicating the time of the attack.

He said, "The attackers pulled down the First Bank's doors with gun shots and destroyed the police station.

"They killed two policemen and one security man. We don't know the gunmen and their mission. We only pray to God to save our lives but we are very confused."

The state Commissioner of Police, Mallam Mohammed Ladan who confirmed the incident on phone said he was yet to ascertain the level of damage.

"Yes, it is true that there was an attack in Yana town in Misau local government area. Hoodlums attacked the bank with explosives before gaining access into the bank," he stated.

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