

# Gunmen raid banks in Taraba, kill three

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GUNMEN on Tuesday night raided three banks and the Divisional Police Station in Wukari, Taraba State, killing a police inspector and two civilians. It was gathered that the attack began at 10pm and lasted till 4:00am.

The gunmen also attacked a beer depot opposite the area command, burning down two beer trucks and a car. Witnesses said the gunmen, numbering about 30, divided themselves into groups before carrying out the attack.

A policemen, who does not want his name in print, said deafening sounds of bombs exploding and gunfire were heard in different locations in the state.

The state's Commissioner of Police, Ibrahim Maishanu, said three persons were killed in the raid, and that an unascertained amount of money was carted away.

He said the police were taken unawares, but that they fought gallantly to repel the attacks. He added that the armoury was the target of the gunmen, but that not even a rifle was taken.

The commissioner further stated that the command is strategizing and looking at its deficiencies so that it will be able to overcome them.