

Robbers attack bullion van, kill three

THEY came with mighty fury and unleashed great havoc. By the time the dust settled, a bullion van driver lay dead. So also were a pupil and a lady, both passers-by.

On their homeward journey, they left with a bountiful harvest and enough provisions for residents, many of whom were left with mixed feelings: Partake in the free-for-all struggle for the leftover loot, mourn the dead, or make a dash with the several wounded persons to nearby hospitals.

The dare devil armed

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robbers on Tuesday had a field day in Achingali, Obavo, Imo State, as they robbed a bullion van of its rich content.

The nine police escorts fled and returned only after the hoodlums had taken away their prize.

According to a source, the van had been escorted by the policemen from a bank in Umuahia, Abia State and was headed for another bank in Owerri, Imo State, when it was overtaken by the hood-

lums who killed the driver on the spot.

After the operation, a resident who witnessed the incident said the robbers abandoned the van and sped off.

The Imo State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Isa Bala Mohammed, a deputy superintendent of police, confirmed the incident.

Mohammed disclosed that the policemen were serving in Umuahia command.

He said: "Nine policemen were escorting a bullion van from Umuahia when armed robbers in a

car overtook the van and shot dead the driver. A child and a lady also died. The policemen escaped and later reappeared. The vehicle has been recovered."

Two weeks ago, some police officers and an officer of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps were killed by robbers in Ideator North area of the state. Two suspected robbers who shot a physically challenged lady at a phone call centre were however overpowered by an angry mob who lynched them last week.