

Robbers kill five in Osun, Kano

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DARE-DEVIL armed robbers yesterday unleashed terror on Ikire, headquarters of Irewole Council of Osun State, killing a policeman and a bullion van driver.

Also, at the Abubakar Rimi market, Kano bandits raided the commercial area, killing three persons during their dastardly act.

At Ikire, another policeman who is now on danger list was also shot by the robbers, who carted away an unspecified amount of money from the bank's strongroom and counter.

According to eyewitnesses, the robbers, who laid ambush for the bullion van, opened fire immediately they sighted it but the policemen in the van responded and a gun battle ensued.

The incident, which occurred at about 9.30 a.m. threw the neighbourhood into panic with residents fleeing to safety.

The robbers, unrelenting in their desperate bid to cart away some money, reportedly shot sporadically until the driver of the van was cornered and killed.

The Kano incident occurred at 4.30 p.m. when about 12 robbers made it to the market. They held traders to ransom for about 30 minutes and took time to steal jewellery worth about N100 million.

The robbers, who came in a black Honda Sports Utility Vehicle and Toyota Camry car, shot dead three persons, including two policemen who attempted to put up a resistance.

When The Guardian visited the scene of the incident, there were bloodstains, shattered glasses and doors and wailing by the victims.