

Robbers Kill Eight Policemen, Civilians

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ROBBERS yesterday had a free reign in three local councils in Zambramba State.

In separate bloody raids in the affected areas, the bandits killed

three policemen and five civilians. They also took their offensive to a bank but failed to break in.

The police, who confirmed the attacks, were silent on the casualty figures. But witnesses put the toll at eight, the

ninth was however one of the robbers.

A witness account disclosed that the 20-man gang operating in a convoy of cars and armed with sophisticated weapons took over the

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old Enugu-Onitsha Highway yesterday afternoon.

They were said to have started the operation from Nkpor to Ogidi, Enugwu-Ukwu and Abagana traversing three local councils of Idemili North, Dunukofia and Njikoka.

At Abagana, they killed two policemen including the Divisional Crime Officer (DCO) who was an Assistance Superintendent and an Inspector.

At Nimo in Njikoka local council, their attempt to rob a bank was foiled by a police patrol team and in the shoot-out that ensued, a police officer was killed.

However, one of the robbers was arrested while five civilians were felling in the crossfire,

several others sustaining injuries.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Fidelis Agbo confirmed the incidents but assured that the command was on top of the situation.

He disclosed that the officials brought in the newly Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) to stop the attempt to rob an old generation bank at Nimo. Also confirmed that the robbers came from Nkpor, robbing and harassing citizens till they were confronted by the police at Nimo.

The new Police Commissioner Alhaji Mohammed Abbas has taken over from Mr. Oliver Osuchukwu, who was transferred to the Nigerian Ports Authority NPA last week.