

## Four feared killed as robbers storm Ijebu-Ode bank

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**D**AREDEVIL armed robbers yesterday stormed Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State, and attempted to rob a branch of a bank.

Although their effort to break into the bank was foiled by mobile policemen, at the end of their operation, four persons were reportedly killed.

Two of the dead were civilians, an aged woman and a young girl, while the other two were members of the robbery gang.

As soon as they arrived the premises of the bank at about 9.50 a.m. in two 18-seater Urvan buses and a Jetta Volkswagen car, some of them (robbers) started shooting sporadically while others attempted to force their way into the banking hall.

A source said it was at this point that the policemen, acting on a distress call, rushed to the scene in an Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) and opened fire on them. The robbers were said to have responded and at the end of exchange of fire, which was said to have lasted for about 10 minutes, the policemen killed two of the robbers.

While escaping, the robbers were said to have shot sporadically to scare people from attempting to block their escape route. Two civilians were killed by stray bullets.