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Robbers kill four in Ogun, cause stampede in Lagos, Kwara

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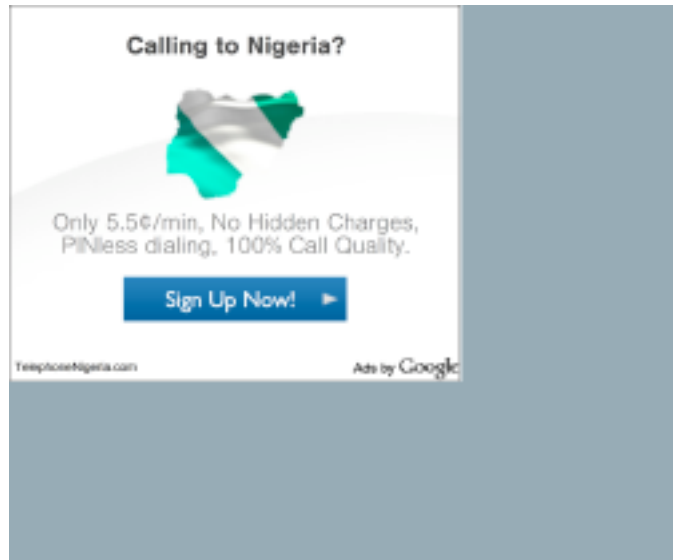
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Armed robbers numbering about 12, stormed Ilaro, Ogun State, a border town at the Nigeria-Benin Republic border, paralyzing all activities for about two hours.

At the end of their operation, they succeeded in robbing four banks (names withheld) after unleashing terror on customers of the affected banks.

According to an eyewitness, the robbers killed two women, a young man and an Assistant



Superintendent of Police (ASP) simply named Wilson. Many others who received bullet wounds were later rushed to the hospital.

The witness told *The Guardian* that after their operation, the robbers who arrived the town in four cars, attempted to escape through the Ilaro-Owode route to Benin Republic but met a stiff resistance from policemen who were manning a checkpoint on the route. They however managed to escape after a gun duel between them and the policemen.



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In Lagos, police foiled a robbery attempt on two banks in Ogudu and Ojota areas. The robbery

attempt was on one nationalized bank and a new generation bank.

The robbers had reportedly invaded the banks in a black Jeep, shooting sporadically and scaring commuters and pedestrians in the area.

The Area H Command and the Divisional Police headquarters quickly mobilized mobile and regular policemen to the scene.

On hearing police siren, the robbers reportedly escaped without gaining entrance into the banks, which are close to each other.

Lagos State Police spokesman, Mr. Samuel Jinadu, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, told newsmen: "The attempted robbery on two banks did not succeed. In other words, our men foiled it. No money was carted away and no life was lost."

In Omu-Aran, in Irepodun Local Council of Kwara State, some commercial banks closed down following rumours of an imminent invasion of the community by armed robbers.

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