

Two police officers, bandit feared dead in Lagos airport robbery

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IT was an irony of sorts that while billions of people worldwide were excitedly awaiting the emergence of a new Pope Wednesday , dare devil robbers were unleashing terror at the Murtala Muhammed Airport, Lagos.

At the end of their dastardly operations, two police inspectors, fell to the robbers' bullets. However, one of the bandits was not lucky as he was killed in the operation.

The incident occurred at about around 7.45pm inside the car park of the International Wing of the airport.

An eyewitness told The Guardian that the robbers raided illegal currency dealers as carted away huge amount of money in different currencies.

The source said panic- stricken passengers and other airport users ran helter skelter for their lives as sporadic shooting lasted for more than 20 minutes as.

Many visitors to the area were also said to have abandoned their vehicles and took to their heels to avoid the cross fire between the police and the marauders.

Spokesman for the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Yakubu Dati in a statement Wednesday said, "Men of the Nigerian Policemen foiled an attempted robbery attack at Ikeja near the perimeter fence of the Murtala Muhammed Airport".

Despite the announcement by FAAN that it had installed CCTV cameras inside the terminal building, departure, arrival, airline counters and air side, many believe that not all areas of the airport are captured by the devices.

A security consultant who preferred anonymity said it is possible that the car park, which also houses the bureau de change offices where the robbery took place might have been left out of CCTV coverage.

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