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Police foil bank raid, kill four robbers in Lagos

By Alex Olise

LESS than 24 hours after armed robbers attacked a new generation bank in Lagos on Monday, killing five and carting away millions of naira, another gang of robbers yesterday attacked a branch of another new generation bank in Apapa area of the state.

However, they met their waterloo in the police who not only foiled the robbery, but also killed four of the robbers.

The police, acting on a tip off that robbers had laid siege to the bank, stormed its premises on Commercial Road, Apapa. Apparently sensing danger, the robbers fled the scene. The police, however, caught one of them, who led them to the gang's hideout at Layeni, Ajegunle area of the state where a crossfire ensued.

In the shooting, which engendered panic in the area, four of the robbers were killed. Their remains were moved to the Apapa Police Station.

The Guardian also learnt that a policeman was shot on the right leg in the gunfire exchange. One English-made pistol, a locally made pistol, seven live ammunitions, five live cartridges and two motorcycles were recovered from the robbers' hideout, according to a source. Another source told The Guardian that about N2 million was also recovered from the hideout.

Lagos has come under a rising wave of robbery attacks in recent times, with the public being the worse for it as they are attacked on the roads, in their offices, especially banks, and at home.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Marvel Akpoyibo, has, however, charged all Area Commands and Divisional Police Stations to rise up to the challenge.

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