

# Dare-devil Robbers Kill 10 In Kogi

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No fewer than 10 persons, including four policemen have been reportedly killed in a gun battle involving dare devil armed robbers, police and a vigilance group while attempting to foil bank robberies at Anyingba in Kogi State on Wednesday.

The robbers, who were said to have invaded the branches of Afribank and Unity Bank in the early hours of the day, were said to be armed with sophisticated weapons. They descended on the premises of the two banks.

Reports of eyewitness said the police security guards at banks,

which put up a resistance at the entrances of the two banks located adjacent each other were shot dead by the robbers before gaining entrance into them.

However, as the news of the robbery operations filtered into town, efforts of the vigilante group the police to apprehend the hoodlums proved abortive as the robbers opened fire on sighting their approach.

During the cross fire, four policemen were killed, one of the leaders of the vigilante group, known as Salisu Rambo and one Solomon were said to be among the dead while many others injured were said to have been rushed to a private hospital.

Also confirmed dead are two suspected armed robbers who were hit by the bullets of the police and vigilante group.

Speaking to journalists over the incident, acting Commissioner of Police, Magaji Abdullahi, confirmed that some policemen and members of vigilante group were shot dead during the exchange of fire.

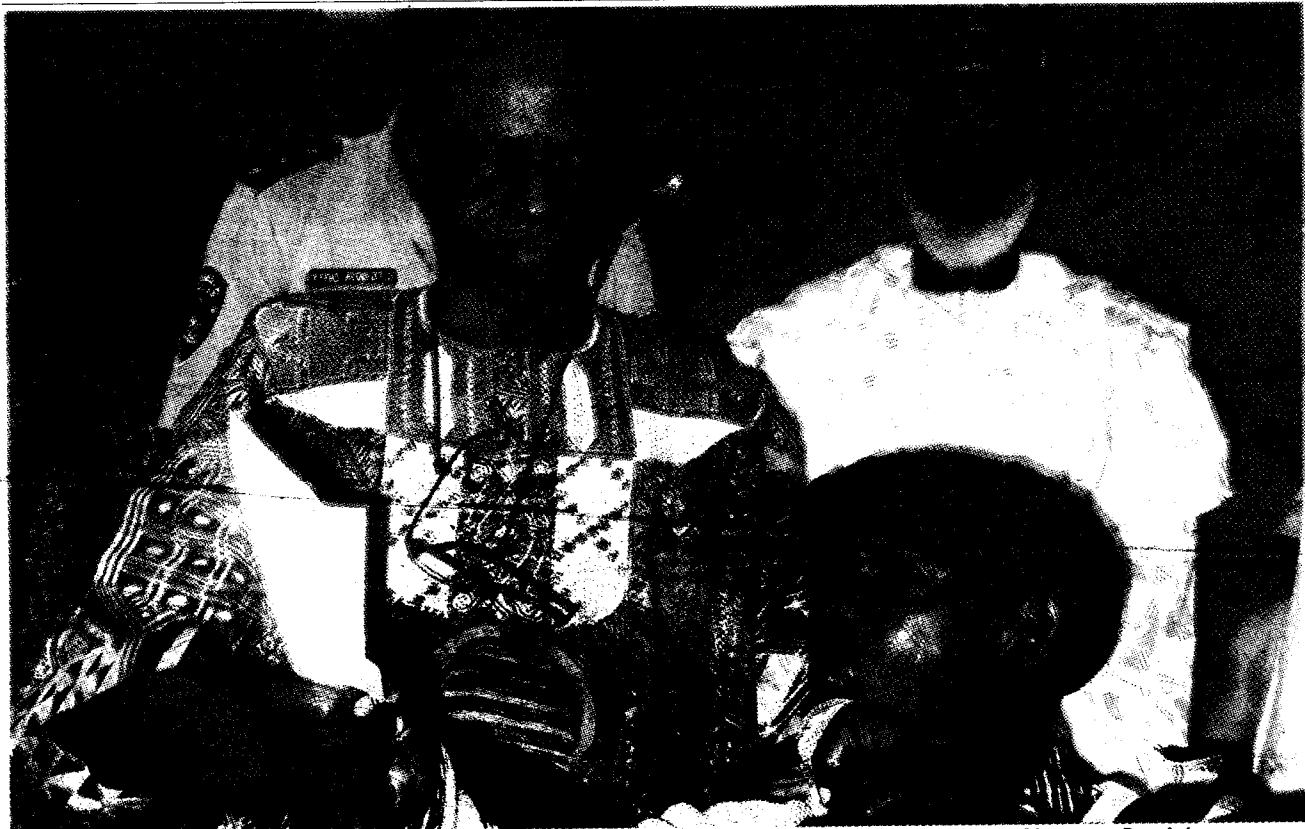
He pointed out that incidence of bank robbery is becoming rampant in the Anyingba community. He, however, assured that his command would do everything humanly possible to ensure that armed robbery is eradicated in the state.

In a similar development, the

police command on Tuesday paraded two suspected armed robbers who specialise in robbing luxury buses along Lokoja-Abuja road.

The duo, Samuel Okoli and Emmanuel Eze, were arrested by an army patrol team known as Operation Messa between the Jamata Bridge and Nataco area of Lokoja, while robbing two luxury buses at about 12 midnight.

Eyewitness account stated that two buses were travelling with passengers to Kano and Onitsha respectively, adding that the robbers boarded one of the buses belonging to G.U.O. Group of Company with Registration Number Anambra XE 995 FGG.



Ondo State Governor, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko (left), presenting cheque to 85-year old Jonathan Olusegun Bamigboye, during the payment of N1.4 billion to pensioners who retired from service in 1993, in Akure on Wednesday.