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Ogun banks shut as robbers swoop on Sagamu

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•Three feared killed

BANKS in Ogun State closed their doors to customers as a gang of armed robbers laid siege to Sagamu, a cosmopolitan city in the state, robbing about five banks and killing at least three people.

This caused panic as security agents took cover at the Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU), Ago-Iwoye, apparently because they had recently wreaked havoc in five banks in the institution. Three people

reportedly died in the aftermath of the operation.

As far as Idiriko, Owode-Yewa and Ijebu-Igbo, both new and old generation banks hurriedly shut their gates, as a banker, who craved anonymity obliged that "the Sagamu attack on the banks was bloody."

Pressed further on number of deaths, the banker said: "I am still shocked; I think security agents will be in

the best position to confirm that, I don't see us opening to customers in the next couple of days."

Police authorities were not disposed to speaking on the robbery that was reportedly carried out with bomb and other explosives as the image-maker of the state command, Muyiwa Adejobi, said he was yet to have details of the robbery.

The armed robbers

reportedly struck at Sabo area, Ajegunle, in Sagamu local government area of the state, after they reportedly bombed four banks and carted away a huge amount of money.

The robbers, who unleashed terror on the people around 12pm, reportedly shot sporadically into the air for 15 minutes to scare the people away in the area, before they gained access to the vaults of the four banks which included Guaranty Trust Bank, Diamond Bank,

Skye Bank and Zenith Bank and carted away undisclosed amount of money.

It was learnt that, the 20-man robbery gang had previously made three attempts to rob those banks, but were resisted by vigilante group before they caught them unaware.

Attempt to resist the 20-man gang of armed robbers, who reportedly came in a white Hilux bus by members of vigilante group in the area was rebuffed.