

Three killed in C'River robbery attacks

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A GANG of armed robbers driving in four cars on Tuesday stormed Ugep in Yakurr Local Government Area and parts of Obubra Local Government Area of Cross River State where they robbed, injured and killed scores of people.

Eyewitness account from the area indicated that the robbers stormed Ugep as early as 6am and seized four buses with which they sped off to Obubra axis of the Calabar-Ikom-Ogoja highway to commence their robbery operations. *Daily Independent* gathered from sources in the affected areas that after they robbed some people including unsuspect-

ing travellers in Obubra, they returned to Ugep with the aim of robbing First Bank in the fast growing urban area. But at Ugep, headquarters of Yakurr council, the locals mobilised and blocked part of the road leading to the town for about two hours. Undeterred and due to their superior fire power, the robbers were able to dismantle the roadblock,

and sought to break into the First Bank, but failed in their bid to rob the bank. However, the robbers however rained bullets on the premises shattering windows and walls of the building. Sources said at least one person died in Ugep while no fewer than three others sustained serious gunshot injuries from the robbers.

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