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Barely few hours after the launch of Operation Mkpochapu 11 on last Friday by Governor Willie Obiano of Anambra State in Awka, dare-devil armed robbers reportedly beat the police by embarking on rampage in Onitsha, killing five people on two separate operations and injuring scores.

Among those allegedly killed were two girls and three men at

Robbers On Rampage In Onitsha, Kill Five, Injure Scores

Seaman Filling station at the Borromew Roundabout axis and a popular pharmacy shop along Awka Road in Onitsha.

Believing that they wanted to fuel their vehicle, the workers reportedly opened the door to attend to them.

The workers did not know that they were armed robbers on a mission until they shot one of the vigilance operatives on sight

and then a worker, who was woken up by barrage of gunshots and wanted to run.

The men of the underworld, numbering about six, also shot dead a female sales attendant, who it was gathered was not fast when the masked man asked her for the key to the vault.

All money realized from sales for the day was carted away.

Scores of night travellers

who were plying the Borromew Roundabout axis, stopped their vehicles and scampered to safety. Those who got injured include some workers of the filling station and their neighbours.

The same robbers were said to have on driving out, made straight to a popular pharmacy along Awka road Onitsha, where they shot dead a man and a sales attendant before the masked

pointer showed the vault and other places where money was kept.

They carted the sales for the day away, according to impeccable inside sources.

When contacted to confirm the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Haruna Mohammed, said that, "We are investigating the matter and will come out with our findings later."

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