

Police Kill 2 In Kogi Robbery Attack

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The Kogi State Police Command yesterday killed two and paraded seven when they smashed a nine man gang that specialise in using improvised explosive devices to rob banks in the state

Parading the suspects before newsmen, the acting police commissioner in the state, Austin Evhkakivboku, said the robbers invaded the Ajaokuta branch of First bank Plc on Friday and carted away an unspecified amount of money

All branches of First Bank in the state were on Monday shut down while customers were turned back for fear of robbery attacks

He said during the operation, the police engaged the robbers in a fierce battle which led to the death of two of them while a police corporal Samuel Olaiya, who was on guard at

the bank was shot dead.

Similarly, he said two civilian security guards at the bank were also fatally wounded and are now receiving treatment at a private clinic.

The police boss gave the names of those killed as Malik Ejima and Ismaila Suberu, while Abdullahi Jimoh and Ahmed Rufai Audu were arrested and are now helping the police in the investigations with five others at large

Fielding questions from newsmen, Abdullahi Jimoh confessed that he participated in the robbery alleging that suffering in the state was responsible for the action

As for Ahmed Rufai Audu, he said his car was one of the vehicles used for the operation

Also paraded were two teenagers who specialise in snatching motorcycles and one Yunusa Kadri who was accused of criminal conspiracy and armed robbery.