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A ten-man armed robbery gang, at the weekend, sacked an old generation bank in Okwelle, Onuimo Local Government Area of Imo State, carting away several millions of Naira, and killing a passersby.

The dare-devil armed robbers who were reportedly dressed in priest robes, invaded the bank about ten o'clock in the morning.

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The incident which created panic in the sleepy community, left commuters and passers-by scampering for safety, while other banks around the area, quickly closed shop for fear of been

According to an eye witness account, the youthful robbers who operated in two unregistered Sports Utility Vehicles (SUV), started shooting sporadically thereby causing stampede at the bank which was located close to a police station along the Owerri-Okigwe road.

The entrance door to the bank was shattered by bullets while the bank building was pierced by bullets.

was gathered that the robbers thereafter, ke into the banking hall and carted away huge sums of money running into several millions of Naira.

wever policemen attached to the bank, engaged the bandits in a gun duel that lasted for several minutes before the robbers escaped with their loot.

A passerby was reportedly killed after he was hit by stray bullet.

The Imo state Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Joy Elomoko, who confirmed the incident said the robbers used an improvised explosive device to blow an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) located within the bank premises.

She noted that the Police engaged the robbers in a hot chase that led to the robbers to abandoning their vehicle. The Police spokes person noted that some arrests have been made in connection with the crime.

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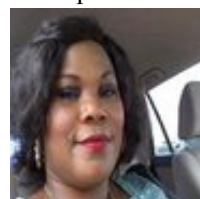
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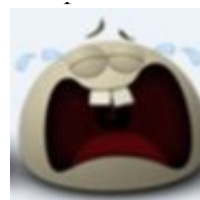
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