

CRIME: 2 Shot Dead As Police Foil Easter Day Bank Robbery

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Two suspected armed robbers were yesterday shot dead by policemen in Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital following a failed bank robbery operation along Melford Okilo Road, Yenagoa.

It was gathered that the four-man armed robbery gang had invaded the Stanbic IBTC Bank along Melford Okilo Road at about 11.30 pm with a dynamite on Easter day.

An eyewitness told the reporter that unknown to the robbers, the policemen on duty had sighted them and subsequently opened fire.

One of the armed robbers was killed on the spot while another was badly injured, while the others two escaped.

A police reinforcement team, which was dispatched to the scene, was able to apprehend one of the fleeing robbers and he was taken to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Yenagoa where he later died.

On Monday, policemen deployed to the bank stooped people from using the ATM as they were carrying out further investigations.

A reliable police source said the police are on the trail of the fleeing robbers and assured that they would be arrested.

"Yes the Police foiled a robbery attempt on another bank. One of the robbers was killed on the spot" he said.

"It was on Easter Day at about 11.30 pm when some four men came to the gate of the bank posing as people that wants to use the ATM, but on closer look, it was discovered that they had guns. It was then the police man on duty immediately alerted the patrol team. In the process the police gunned down one of the robbers and wounded another one.

"Two of the robbers escaped and the one that was injured was later arrested but died at the hospital."

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