

Bandits raid banks in Nnewi

In the early hours of yesterday a gang of armed robbers numbering over fifty besieged Nnewi in Anambra state and robbed about five banks. The banks include UBA, Zenith, Intercontinental, Spring, and Skye banks.

There were many casualties including four policemen died during the attack.

The robbers came in many buses and various equipment including hammers, generators, gas cylinder which littered the premises of the banks they went to.

Our correspondent who visited the various banks said could only about eight hundred expended bullets used by the robbers.

It was discovered also that the robbers' mission was not entirely successful as they only carted away money from one bank, and could not open the vaults of the other banks.

Governor Peter Obi, who visited the banks, promised that the state government would do everything possible

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to avert such incidence in future.

The deputy commission of police, Mr. Bello, said the police were alerted while the robbery was on, but that confronting the robbers would be suicidal since they came with heavy fire power.

He said that no arrests have been made, but that the command would do its best to arrest the robbers.

Mr. Obi also paid a visit to the Innoson Industry at Nnewi where two Chinese nationals were kidnapped. He promised them that he would do everything possible to affect their release.

He also advised the perpetrators of such acts to think about the future of the society as such acts are capable of driving away investors. He assured investors that the government was doing its best to prevent future occurrence.