

# Policeman, others killed in bank robberies

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A POLICE sergeant was among unspecified number of people killed yesterday in two different bank robberies in **Ikorodu and Okota in Lagos.**

The sergeant, Abdullahi Salusi, was hit by the robber's bullet as he attempted to prevent them from gaining entry into the bank's premises.

More than 50 passersby and customers of the two affected banks were wounded in the attack, while an unspecified amount of money was reportedly carted away.

*The Nation* gathered that the bank that was hit by the bandits in Ikorodu is located opposite the Ibeshi-Owode police post and that policemen could not come out immediately to engage the hoodlums because of their sophisticated firearms.

## 1 Ekiti governor

From Odunayo  
Ogunmola, Ado-Ekiti

looking good? We are looking good because of your effort.

"Our people now appreciate us and we in turn appreciate the person who made this happen. Nobody was brought here with support from anybody. You have already supported us.

"Whatever we are enjoying now is because of your effort at making sure the aged live the rest of their lives happily. There is no language to qualify what you have done. We are being paid promptly," Adekogba told the governor.

It was learnt that the bandits stormed the branch of an old generation bank around 9:30 a.m and seized the security men on duty, before shooting their way into the banking hall.

According to eyewitnesses, it was during the struggle with the policemen that one of them was killed while the others were seriously wounded.

The hoodlums held up everyone inside the bank and around the premises hostage for over 30 minutes. They had a field day with the vault and also took time to ransack other corners in search of money.

*The Nation* findings revealed that when the armed men were on their way out of the bank, a combined team of policemen from Ibeshi-Owode and Ipakodo engaged them in a gun battle.

The robbers wounded some of the policemen. The bandits were also said to have snatched three cars while making their escape through the Mile 12 axis of the town.

In the **Oke-Afa/Okota** robbery, the armed men chased a **bullion van, which was suspected to be loaded with money.**

They were said to have missed the vehicle, forcing them to attempt an attack on a nearby bank which they suspected the bullion van drove into. On gaining entry into the second-generation bank, they shot sporadically into the air to scare people.

Several people were hit by stray bullets leading to the death of an unconfirmed number of people.