

Six killed as robbers attack bank

NO fewer than six persons, including expectant mother, were killed at the weekend when robbers attacked a first generation bank in Mbo Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State.

The robbers, who also carted away undisclosed amount of money, injured several customers, most of them teachers who came to withdraw their salary for Christmas.

According to an eye witness, the robbers arrived Ebughu, a fishing settlement in Mbo on a speed boat at about 9.30 a.m. and

From Iniobong Ekponta,
Uyo

started shooting sporadically to scare people.

The bodies of those killed, *The Nation* learnt have been deposited at the Iquita General Hospital, Oron Mortuary. The injured are being treated at the hospital and other clinics in the area.

Since the launch of the Joint Task Force (JTF), "Operation Abuma" by Governor Godswill Akpabio, armed robbers and other petty thieves have migrated to the rural towns and communities where

they unleashed havoc on the people.

No fewer than three banks outside the Uyo metropolis have been attacked in recent times.

Police spokesman Gabriel Ngban, who confirmed the incident, said a manhunt for the robbers was on. He said the Police were determined to secure the state for local and international investors and tourists to come in and do business.

He urged members of the public to offer useful information to the Police to track down criminals in their midst.