

# Seven feared killed as police foil attack on bullion van

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**S**EVEN persons, mainly passers-by, were reportedly killed yesterday when the police engaged a 10-member gang of armed robbers in a gun duel in Sagamu, Ogun State.

*The Nation* gathered that the armed robbers attacked a bullion van belonging to a new generation bank at the Sagamu interchange on Sagamu-Ore Expressway and shot the driver, Mr Akin Akinola, in the arm.

But Akinola managed to drive the van into town with the robbers in pursuit.

A fierce gun battle, which lasted for about 30 minutes, was said to have ensued when the robbers ran into a contingent of policemen that had got wind of the attack.

Besides the seven persons feared killed, six others, including a police officer, were critically injured during the exchange of fire between the police and the robbers, an eyewitness said.

Among those killed was a woman who was said to have been hit by stray bullets after she abandoned her car and tried to run for safety.

A commercial motorcyclist was reportedly killed at Shode Aiyegbami Street, Sagamu as he was conveying a passenger to the Sagamu International Market.

The bullets hit him in the head while his passenger, a trader, escaped unhurt.

The injured, including the police officer, are being treated at the Olabisi Onabanjo Teaching Hospital (OOUTH), Sagamu.

The Ogun State Police spokesman, Mr Femi Awoyale, who confirmed the incident, said nobody was killed.