

Two killed in three fresh robbery attack in Ibadan

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LESS than two days after dare-devil armed bandits raided two commercial banks in Ibadan, Oyo State killing eight people, the siege seems to be far from over as another group of robbers unleashed terror on residents of Yemetu area of the city yesterday morning, killing two night guards and wounding two others.

Five suspects are being held by the police in connection with the attack.

Two separate attacks on a commercial bank at Apata and a petrol station near the Toll Gate of the Ibadan end of the Lagos-Ibadan expressway added to the woes of residents who now live in fear of possibility of robbery attacks.

The Nation gathered that six armed men stormed Agip petrol station in the area around 2 am and shot dead two night guards at the station whose names were given as Bayo Ajayi and Ganiyu Oyeboode. They were said to have made attempt to stop them from robbing the station.

They then raided the residences in the area, dispossessing residents of an unascertained huge amount of money and valuables. They shot into the air sporadically while the attacked lasted.

In a separate incident, five suspects were arrested by police at the branch of First Bank located in Bola Ige International Market, Gbagi area around 11am. An eyewitness told *The Nation* that the suspects rode to the area in a green colour Honda car and were milled around the bank, asking for the policemen attached to the bank before policemen swooped on them after a tip-off.

They are still being held pending their interrogation. At Yemetu, Police spokesperson said that the residents could not reach out to the police because they were held hostage by the marauders. Deputy Police Public Relations Officer in the state Mr Abayomi Adeniji, an Assistant Superintendent of Police confirmed that the robbers broke into some houses and dispossess residents of their valuables.

"The robbers carted away some unspecified amount of money and several other valuables from the residents. When our men were later informed, they went there and combed the whole area and arrested five suspects in connection with the robbery. They include one Adegoke and four others. They are currently undergoing investigations", Adeniji said.