

# Three killed in Ibadan bank raid

**A**RMED robbers took Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, by storm yesterday, in the first major bank robbery this year.

They raided the Oluyole branch of a first generation bank, killing three persons, including a 17-year-old Kehinde and an expectant woman.

The bank was two buildings away from the Oluyole Police station.

Guns boomed as many people scampered to safety to avoid being hit by stray bullets.

The bandits, numbering about 15, who struck at about 10.45am carted away several millions of naira.

They were said to have used a sledge hammer to break the security door before gaining entrance into the banking hall.

The robbers shot sporadically into the air to deter a counter-attack.

"Others headed for the nearby Oluyole Police Station, located about 40 metres away, to prevent the police

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from challenging them," he said.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Oluyole Police Station, Mr. Olaleye Faleye, said he narrowly escaped death.

He said that his men chased the robbers to a farm where the robbers killed another person.

According to eyewitnesses, the bandits who came in a bus, a sport utility vehicle and a Toyota Camry car, were armed with sophisticated weapons.

Among those killed was a woman selling jewellery beside bank.

Seven others were said to have sustained bullet wounds.

It was learnt that the late Kehinde was shot by one of the robbers as she was peeping from the hatchery of the farm where some people had gone to hide when the robbers were leaving after the operation.

Other valuables such as mobile phones, wrist watches, and jewellery.

The State Police Public Relations Officer, Miss Olabisi Okuwobi, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, confirmed the incident.

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He, however, said Bankole's mother was not