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A [retired](#) military personnel (name withheld) was yesterday confirmed dead while seven others sustained injuries when suspected armed robbers invaded the Afemai Micro-finance [bank](#) in Jattu, near Auchi in Etsako West Local Government [Area](#) of Edo State.

Witnesses told *The Nation* that the bandits arrived at the bank with sophisticated weapons and over-powered security operatives.

The raid reportedly lasted over an hour after which they made away with large sums of money.

Also, a mechanic, who had joined others in an attempt to block all escape routes of the suspected robbers, was shot.

A director of the bank and the Chairman of Jattu [community](#) council, Alhaji Kasimu Shaibu, lamented the state of security in the country.

Shaibu blamed the robbery on the police, who he said were no longer doing their job.

The bank manager, Mr. Ladokun Shola, who was visibly shaken,was reluctant to comment.

However, he said: "I really do not have anything to say. This is a serious situation; five of my workers were injured. "The injuries are so serious that we can only pray for their survival," he said.

Police Spokesman, ASP Peter Ogboi said he was yet to be briefed on the bank robbery.

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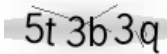
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