

Robbers kill policeman, priest in Ekiti bank raid

•Two suspected gang members killed

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after leaving the scene.

The bandits, who were said to be seven, stormed the bank very close to the town's roundabout at about 10.00 a.m. One of them, who was suspected to be the leader of the gang, drove into the bank's premises in a Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV).

An eyewitness said the robbers dispossessed a traditional ruler of his vehicle which they rode into the bank.

When the hoodlums opened fire, bank workers, customers and bystanders reportedly scampered for safety to avoid being hit by stray bullets. The gang leader reportedly shot into the air to signal their arrival.

The robbers escaped after

operating unhindered for several minutes.

It could not be ascertained whether they went away with any cash from the bank's vault.

The robbers were said to have fled the scene on learning that the operatives of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) were on their trail.

They escaped through Ifaki-Oye-Ikole Road.

In their escape bid, they were also said to have snatched a Kia mini-bus owned by a former Chairman of Ido/Osi Local Government Area.

The mini-bus somersaulted on the outskirts of Ikole, with two of the robbers killed on the spot. One member of the gang was injured.

Police spokesman Mohammed Jimoh said he was yet to be briefed on the incident.

SUSPECTED armed robbers yesterday stormed Ifaki-Ekiti in Ido/Osi Local Government Area of Ekiti State where they reportedly killed two persons during a raid on a first generation bank.

The victims included a mobile policeman and a priest.

Sources in the community said two members of the gang died in an accident as they made to escape. They were pursued by policemen