

Four killed, one arrested in Ogun bank raid

FOUR persons have been feared dead and others injured during a gun duel between robbers and policemen.

The policemen attacked the robbers when they attempted to invade a new generation bank in Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State.

It was gathered that two of the robbers were killed during a crossfire with the police. One of the robbers was reportedly arrested.

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But two other persons - an elderly man and a young girl, whose identities were yet to be established - reportedly died from stray bullets.

The robbers had allegedly robbed in Awa, Ijebu North Local Government Area, before attempting to rob the bank on Folagbade Street.

The police were said to have

deployed an Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) stationed near the bank to repel the robbers.

Sources said the robbers fired at the APC, shattering its windscreen and deflating its front tyres.

During the gun battle, the robbers, who came in two buses marked (Lagos) XS 969 GGE and BM 672 EPE, attempted to escape through Oke-Owa, the road leading to

the old toll gate on Ore-Benin Expressway.

The gun duel lasted over 20 minutes.

It was gathered that the robbers snatched five vehicles with which they attempted to escape.

An eyewitness told *The Nation* on phone that the Area Command office of the Police on Igbeba, Ijebu-Ode, was filled with curious residents who wanted to catch a

glimpse of the two dead robbers and their arrested colleague.

Two months ago, robbers raided the Ijebu-Ode branch of another new generation bank and reportedly stole over N30 million. The bank has since remained under lock and key.

Police Commissioner Musa Daura told reporters he was trying to reach Ijebu-Ode Area Command for details.