

Soldier, cashier killed in Port Harcourt bank robbery

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A soldier and a cashier working for a new generation bank at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH) in Port Harcourt, Rivers State have lost their lives in a robbery operation.

The armed robbers invaded UPTH on Thursday evening, shooting sporadically until they gained access to the bank's vault, where a huge sum of money was carted away.

Even with no resistance from the bank's employees on duty, the hoodlums decided to shoot the cashier, who died on the spot.

Witnesses stated that after robbing the bank and convinced that enough money had been loaded into the vehicle they came with, they continued shooting to escape.

The soldier, according to witnesses, was at UPTH to see a sick relative on admission, with the armed robbers concluding that he wanted to attack them. They opened fire on him and he also died instantly.

Staff of UPTH, other employees of the bank, patients and their relatives started scampering for their lives.

There was confusion at UPTH, after the escape of the hoodlums, as the members of staff of the hospital, employees of the bank and patients' relatives were afraid of remaining on the premises.

The Rivers Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Ben Ugwuwgbulam, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), confirmed the incident and stated that investigation was in progress. No arrest has been made.

Ugwuegbulam said men of the command were on the trail of the hoodlums, while assuring that they would soon be

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