

Three policemen, four others killed in Ekiti bank robbery

ARMED robbers on Thursday attacked the branch of a first generation bank in Ilesa-Ekiti, Ekiti State, killing three policemen and four others.

The robbers, who gained access into the banking hall by blowing off the entrance of the bank using a dynamite, carted away an undisclosed amount of money.

They were said to have used AK47 and Kalashnikov rifles, shooting sporadically into the air for about 45 minutes.

It would be recalled that robbers had attacked the Ado-Ekiti branch of the bank early last year, also using a dynamite to pull down the entrance, killing about 10 people.

Two of the policemen were reportedly shot dead at Ilesa Police Station, while the third, who was guarding the bank, was said to have been killed at the entrance of the bank.

Four others, said to be indigenes of the town and Omuo-Ekiti, were killed by stray bullets from the sporadic shootings of the robbers.

As a result of this development, commercial activities were badly affected, especially the movement of

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traders from the town to other places.

According to an eyewitness, eight robbers invaded the bank at about 1.30pm and

launched an attack on the bank.

They were said to have also launched an attack at the same time on a nearby police station.

Residents reportedly ran

into the bush with many sustaining injuries in the process.

The spokesman for the Police in the state, Victor Babayemi, confirmed the incident.

He said the state Commissioner of Police will give further details on the incident.



• From left: Director, Eko Atlantic, Dirk Heijboer Royal Hashkoning, Prince Adesegun Oniru, Lagos State Commissioner for Water Front and Infrastructure; David Frame, Managing Director, South Energix in Nigeria; and Brent Sadler at a press conference on Eko Atlantic Development Rising Confidence in New Lagos City at Eko Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos.

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